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Charter of Synod expires December 3, 1967.

OFFICERS

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Rev. W. Hoppe, D. D. 203 Bolton Street East, Savannah, Ga.

Secretary

Rev. L. W. Strickler. 200 Beach Avenue, Macon, Ga.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee*—The officers of Synod and Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D., and Mr. W. B. Spann.
2. *Mission Committee*—The President of Synod, Revs. T. W. Shealy, M. J. Epting, D. D., F. L. Lineberger, and Messrs. H. L. Seckinger, Rincon, Ga., and J. H. Quint, 402 E. 44th St., Savannah, Ga.
3. *Examining Committee*
Revs. M. J. Epting and T. W. Shealy Terms ending 1927
Revs. W. E. Pugh and B. D. Wessinger Terms ending 1928
Revs. W. A. Reiser and C. P. MacLaughlin Terms ending 1929
4. *Committee on Ministerial Education*—The President of Synod and Revs. A. J. Bowers and W. A. Reiser, and Messrs. H. A. Reiser, Springfield, Ga., and C. Bowers Gnann, Clyo, Ga.
5. *Committee on Stewardship*—Mr. W. B. Ahlgren, 52 Colquitt Ave., Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. C. Sancken, 1527 Monte Sano Ave., Augusta, Ga.; and Mr. H. E. Dreeson, 108 East 44th Street, Savannah, Ga.
6. *Publicity Committee*—Charles E. Donnelly, 216 W. 36th St., Savannah, Ga., chairman; Charles H. Stieglitz, 277 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga.; W. M. Lester, 6th Floor, Southern Finance Building, Augusta, Ga.; J. S. Buck, 122 E. 16th St., Jacksonville, Fla.; and J. Evertton Hartman, care of The Independent, St. Petersburg, Fla.
7. *Statistician*—Rev. H. E. Henning, Cullman, Ala.
8. *Committee on Young People's Work*—Rev. L. W. Strickler.
9. *Committee on Evangelism*—Rev. W. A. Reiser.
10. *Committee of One on Summer Assembly Grounds*—The President of Synod.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

On President's Report—Revs. W. E. Pugh, E. B. Keisler, W. A. Lutz, and Mr. D. F. Barthelmess.

On Letters and Petitions—Revs. M. J. Epting, T. W. Shealy, and Messrs. H. E. Dreeson, and Wm. B. Ahlgrin.

On Unfinished Business—Revs. W. A. Reiser, and C. M. Coffelt.

On Reports of Conferences—Revs. W. H. Hiller, B. S. Dasher, and Mr. J. T. Clarke.

On Absentees and Excuses—Revs. J. L. Yonce, H. E. Henning, and Mr. J. C. Raabe.

On Resolutions—Rev. F. L. Lineberger, and Messrs. F. W. Anschuetz and G. H. Weber.

Press Committee—Rev. Paul G. Klingler, and Mr. Henry Wagner.

Visitor to Synodical Missionary Society—Rev. C. M. Coffelt.

Fraternal Delegate to South Carolina Synod—Rev. A. J. Bowers.

Chaplain—Rev. W. E. Pugh.

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DELEGATES

To the United Synod and to the United Lutheran Church in America.

Principal	Alternate
Rev. W. Hoppe, D. D.	Rev. W. A. Reiser
Rev. W. E. Pugh	Rev. L. W. Strickler
Mr. J. T. Clarke	Mr. H. E. Dreeson
R. L. Gnann, D. D. S.	A. D. Gnann, D. D. S.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION OF SYNOD

Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.

Monday, February 7, 1927, 8 P. M.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS OF SYNOD

1. That there be elected annually two trustees to the Board of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.; one trustee to the Board of the Orphan Home at Salem, Va., and one trustee to the Board of the Lowman Home at White Rock, S. C. (Minutes of 1917, page 16.)

2. That the appointment of the Synodical Inner Mission Committee be approved.

3. That there be appointed a Standing Committee on Stewardship, Sacrifice, and Service, whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the Officers of Synod and the agency in the United Lutheran Church to promote benevolences, prosecute plans for higher efficiency in the churches, and assist in the annual Every Member Canvass. (Minutes for 1920, page 15.)

4. That a Press Committee be appointed for each Convention of the Synod by the President. In its appointment, the President need not confine himself to the delegates to the Synod.

5. That a Committee on Resolutions be appointed by the President which shall report before the closing of each Convention.

6. That a Synodical Co-operating Committee on Ministerial Relief, composed chiefly, if not altogether of laymen, be appointed at this Convention of Synod. (Minutes of 1923, page 32.)

7. That, in accordance with the Financial Plan adopted at the Buffalo Convention of the U. L. C. A.:

(a) That all funds contributed for Boards and committees of the U. L. C. A. shall be sent to the Treasurer of Synod and by him to the Treasurer of the U. L. C. A. This includes special contributions in response to the general appeals as well as to the agencies of the Church.

(b) That all funds sent by the Synod shall, unless otherwise marked, be applied on the apportionment for the current fiscal year.

(c) That the apportionment of the U. L. C. A. shall be considered the minimum amount which each Synod shall provide toward the regular obligations of the Church.

(d) That special contributions and bequests to the benevolent and educational work of the Church shall be encouraged and all Boards are urged to present their cause to Synods, congregations and individuals; but as it is the duty of all to recognize first the apportionment obligations, no such special contributions shall be credited on the apportionment.

(e) That in order that all obligations of the Church may be properly met, all Synods should remit monthly to the Treasurer of the U. L. C. A. not less than one-twelfth of the apportionment and all congregations shall make similar monthly payments to their synodical treasurers.

(f) That all congregations are urged to adopt the Weekly Duplex Envelope System as being eminently Scriptural and the most practical and best financial method known, and all officers of Synods and pastors are expected to make every effort for the adoption of this method.

(g) That the Synods are urged to provide for an annual every member canvass in all congregations of the U. L. C. A. during Thanksgiving Week, or as near that time as possible, in order that proper financial support may be provided for the work of the congregation, the Synod and the U. L. C. A.

(h) That the total amount to be raised for all Boards and Committees as authorized by the U. L. C. A. shall be apportioned to all Synods at a rate on confirmed membership and regular local expenses.

(i) That the expenses of meetings or committee not otherwise provided for, and other expenses as may be authorized by the officers of the U. L. C. A. shall be paid by the Treasurer upon the approval provided by the By-Laws.

(j) That Synod arrange its apportionment year to begin January 1 of each year. (Minutes of 1922, page 29.)

8. That we recommend the election of two treasurers in every congregation, one for Current Fund and one for Benevolence. (Minutes for 1920, page 38.)

9. That benevolent contributions shall never be used even temporarily by congregations to meet local expenses, but shall be transmitted each month to the Treasurer of Synod. (Minutes of 1921, page 15.)

10. That the official Church paper, The Lutheran, be most cordially commended to our people, with the strong recommendation that pastors and church councils make every effort to have a copy placed in every home in our congregations. (Minutes of 1922, page 16.)

11. That the names and addresses of our student youth be forwarded to Dr. Geo. J. Gongaware, Charleston, S. C., at once.

12. That realizing the great value and urgent need of Week Day Religious Instruction, we urge our congregations to establish their own Week-Day Schools for Religious Instruction; that in establishing these schools, co-operation with others in making arrangements may be desirable, but the Lutheran Church desires to reserve to herself the actual instruction of her own children. (Minutes of 1922, page 28.)

13. That the Luther League be endorsed and all pastors be urged to organize their young people into active societies. (Minutes of 1922.)

14. That this Synod have its minutes printed in the uniform size and style suggested by the U. L. C. A. Convention. (Minutes of 1922, page 31.)

15. That the fiscal year of this Synod, its organizations, congregations, Boards and committees be made concurrent with the calendar year. (Minutes of 1922, page 31.)

16. That the Synod print its parochial report crosswise on the page and not vertically, using only two pages for all rubrics, thereby having opportunity to make use of 41 lines to a page; and that all parochial reports contain a summary in which a total is given for the Synod for the year covered by the report together with a total for the preceding year and a comparative statement of increase and decrease under all rubrics. (Minutes of 1922, page 31.)

17. That the Synod make provision for the presence of their Statistical Secretary at the future convention of the U. L. C. A. in order that they may attend the conference of Statistical Secretaries at the time of the Convention. (Minutes of 1922, page 32.)

18. That any minister who leaves the specific work of the ministry to engage in secular pursuits, shall deposit his ordination certificate with the President of the Synod of which he is a member and whenever he resumes the work of the ministry with the consent of the President of Synod, the certificate shall be returned to him. This does not apply to those who may be incapacitated by age or ill health. (Minutes of 1921, page 15.)

19. That the expenses of the delegates of the United Lutheran Church in America and to sister Synods, and of representatives of the Synod to the Boards of our institutions where required and of committees and commissions appointed, or authorized to be appointed by the Synod, be paid by the Treasurer from the funds of the Synod after approval as provided in the Constitution.

20. That Synod elect annually a Statistical Secretary of the Synod.

21. That all reports be presented to the Secretary in duplicate, and that all motions and resolutions be presented in writing.

22. That all honorary titles be omitted in the minutes of the Synod, except in the roster of the Synod.

MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Lakeland, Florida.*

Tuesday, February 2, 1926, Eight P. M.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Georgia and Adjacent States assembled for its Sixty-sixth Annual Convention on February 2, 1926, in Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Florida, the Rev. B. D. Wessinger, pastor. In the absence of the President and by his direction the Order of Public Confession and the Service beginning with the Introit for Septuagesima Sunday were conducted by the Revs. W. E. Pugh and L. W. Strickler. The Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D. of the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary, preached the sermon, having as his text, Ephesians 5:25. The Revs. W. E. Pugh, L. W. Strickler and W. H. Greever, D. D., administered the Lord's Supper to the members of the Synodical Convention and to the members of the Synodical Missionary Society.

FIRST SESSION

Wednesday Morning, February 3, 1926.

At 9:30 A. M. the Rev. W. Hoppe, President of Synod, called the Convention to order. After a devotional service conducted by the Chaplain, the Rev. W. E. Pugh, the President opened the Convention with the use of the Form for the Opening of Synods. The clerical roll of Synod was then called, and the lay delegates were enrolled upon the presentation of the proper credentials.

ROLL OF SYNOD

1. ORDAINED MINISTERS

Minister	Ordained	Address
Rev. J. C. Miller (a,e)	1874	Rt. A., Lake City, Fla.
Rev. W. A. Lutz	1877	Brunswick, Ga.
Rev. A. J. Bowers, D. D. (r)	1883	Savannah, Ga.
Rev. W. Hoppe, D. D.	1888	203 E. Bolton St., Savannah, Ga.
Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D. (a,e)	1888	1413 Bull St., Savannah, Ga.
Rev. J. C. Wessinger (r)	1893	Rincon, Ga.
Rev. T. W. Shealy	1897	Springfield, Ga.
Rev. W. H. Hiller	1898	609 Laura St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, D. D. (r)	1900	168 Trinity Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
Rev. John Hall (a,e)	1901	Chaplain U. S. Army.
Rev. E. C. Witt (a)	1901	Rt. A., Lake City, Fla.
Rev. B. D. Wessinger	1903	207 E. Orange St., Lakeland, Fla.
Rev. J. L. Yonce	1907	Hollywood, Fla.
Rev. W. E. Pugh	1911	425 Fifth St., N., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Rev. B. S. Dasher	1911	Senoia, Ga.
Rev. F. L. Lineberger	1915	Marlow, Ga.
Rev. C. M. Coffelt	1916	1411 N. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. W. A. Reiser	1917	244 Broad St., Augusta, Ga.
Rev. G. A. Stoudemayer (a)	1917	Batesburg, S. C.
Rev. H. E. Henning	1919	Cullman, Ala.
Rev. Paul M. Counts (a,e)	1922	Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.
Rev. L. W. Strickler	1922	200 Beach Ave., Macon, Ga.
Rev. E. B. Keisler	1923	93 1/2 South St., St. Augustine, Fla.
Rev. J. A. Howe (a)	—	Weirsdale, Fla.
(a) Absent. (a,e) Absent and excused. (r) Received at this convention of Synod.		

2. LAY DELEGATES

Pastorate	Delegate
Bethel, Effingham County, Ga.	Mr. D. M. Weitman
Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla.	No Delegate
Christ Church, Birmingham, Ala.	No Delegate
Christ Church, Cullman, Ala.	No Delegate
Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.	Mr. H. E. Dreeson
Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga. (a,e)	Mr. W. B. Ahlgren
Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga.	Mr. D. P. Ruff
Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga.	No Delegate
Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.	Mr. J. T. Clarke
Church of the Resurrection, Daytona Beach, Fla. (r)	Mr. Theo. H. Schmidt
Ebenezer, Effingham County, Ga.	Dr. A. D. Gnann

Grace, Lakeland, Fla.	Rev. Paul G. Klingler
Haralson-Senoia, Coweta County, Ga.	No Delegate
Highlands, DeSoto City, Fla. (a,e)	Mr. E. J. Ethridge
Macon County Pastorate, Oglethorpe, Ga.	No Delegate
Memorial, St. Augustine, Fla.	Mr. G. H. Weber
Plains, Sumter County, Ga.	No Delegate
St. James, Brunswick, Ga. (a,e)	Mr. Wm. Nisi
St. John, Hollywood, Fla. (r)	No Delegate
St. John, Jacksonville, Fla.	Mr. J. C. Raabe
St. John, Weirsdale, Fla.	No Delegate
St. Michael, Muscadine, Ala.	No Delegate
St. Paul, Savannah, Ga.	Mr. D. F. Barthelmess
Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.	Mr. F. W. Anschuetz
Zion, Marlow, Ga.	Mr. L. C. Heidt
Treasurer of Synod	Dr. R. L. Gnann

(a) Absent. (a,e) Absent and excused. (r) Received at this convention of Synod.

SUMMARY

At the last convention of Synod there were twenty-two names on the clerical roll. The losses during the year have been two, and these by transfer. The accessions have been four—all by transfer. This makes the clerical roll consist of twenty-four names—a gain of two as compared with last year.

Two new congregations were received into the membership of Synod at this convention.

The attendance at the Sixty-sixth Annual Convention was a total of thirty—seventeen clerical members and thirteen lay delegates.

ADVISORY MEMBERS

The following were present as representatives of causes: The Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, D. D., of the Home Mission Board; the Rev. Chas. S. Bauslin, D. D., of the Board of Education; the Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., of the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary; the Rev. F. G. Morgan, of Summerland College.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips was present as the Fraternal Delegate from the South Carolina Synod. During the Second Session he presented the greetings of the South Carolina Synod.

REGISTER OF CONGREGATIONS

PARISH	CONGREGATION	LOCATION	SECRETARY	ADDRESS
				1106 N. 24th St. Cullman
BIRMINGHAM	Christ English	Birmingham	Mr. W. W. Eberhart	
CULLMAN	St. Michael	Cullman	Mr. Al Richter	
MUSCADINE	Muscadine	Muscadine		
DESOTO CITY MISSION	St. Mark	DeSoto City	Mr. E. Ethridge	DeSoto City
DESOTO CITY MISSION	Trinity	Avon Park	Mr. C. B. Jones	Avon Park
DESOTO CITY MISSION	St. Paul	Wauchula	Mr. P. E. Erler	Wauchula
JACKSONVILLE	St. John	Jacksonville	Mr. W. W. Dertcher	420 Barrs St.
LAKE CITY	Bethlehem	Lake City	Mr. W. T. Witt	Lake City, Fla.
LAKELAND	Grace	Lakeland	Mr. Henry Wagner	202 W. Patterson St.
ST. AUGUSTINE	Memorial	St. Augustine	Mr. W. R. Maginnis	318 S. George St.
ST. PETERSBURG	Trinity	St. Petersburg	Mr. Geo. A. Casell	2737 5th Ave., N.
WEIRSDALE	St. John	Weirsdale		
ATLANTA	Redeemer	Atlanta	Mr. C. M. Kessler	care Standard Oil Co.
AUGUSTA	Resurrection	Augusta	Mr. A. D. Hemstreet	446 Fenwick St.
BETHEL PARISH	Bethel	Guyton, R. F. D.	Mr. B. E. Heidt	Guyton
BETHEL PARISH	Wingard Memorial	Clyo	Mr. S. T. Metzger	Clyo
BETHEL PARISH	Holy Trinity	Springfield	Mr. R. E. Shearhouse	Springfield
BETHEL PARISH	Laurel Hill	Clyo, R. F. D.	Mr. W. B. Reiser	Clyo
BROADHURST	St. John	Broadhurst	Mr. Olaf Olsen	Arco, Brunswick, Ga.
BRUNSWICK	St. James	Brunswick	Mr. P. H. Addy	Haralson
HARALSON-SENOIA	Mt. Pilgrim	Haralson	Mr. A. O. Hogg	Senoia
MACON	St. Phillip's	Senoia	Mr. Curt Mueller	119 Nottingham Drive
ZION PARISH	Redeemer	Macon	Mr. H. E. Dugger	Marlow
ZION PARISH	Mt. Olivet	Marlow	Mr. Geo. Kessler	Marlow
ZION PARISH	Miller Chapel	Marlow, R. F. D.	Mr. D. H. Dasher	Marlow
ZION PARISH	Zion	Marlow, R. F. D.	Mr. Hugh Shealy	Oglethorpe
OGLETHORPE PARISH	St. Luke	Oglethorpe	R. F. D.	Oglethorpe, R. F. D.
OGLETHORPE PARISH	St. John	Oglethorpe		
EBENEZER PARISH	Mt. Zion	Rincon	Mr. E. B. Hinney	Rincon
EBENEZER PARISH	St. John	Near Rincon	Mr. C. Bowers Gann	Clyo, Ga.
EBENEZER PARISH	Jerusalem	Stillwell	Mr. A. O. Gann	Stillwell
PLAIN PARISH	Grace	Plains	Mr. J. W. Jennings	Plains
PLAIN PARISH	St. Andrews	Sumter Co.	Mr. W. P. Addy	Preston
PLAIN PARISH	St. Mark	Brownwood	Mr. S. B. Denton	Brownwood
PLAIN PARISH	St. Paul	Savannah	Mr. W. G. Schaefer	110 E. 49th St.
SAVANNAH	Ascension	Savannah	Mr. Otto Kolb	Savannah
SAVANNAH	Reformation	Savannah	Mr. John J. Stevens	1201 E. 32nd St.
SAVANNAH	St. Paul			

PUBLIC SERVICES

Besides the public service on Tuesday evening, at which the Lord's Supper was administered and at which the Rev. W. H. Greever preached, there was a public service on Wednesday evening. At this service the presentation of the causes of the United Lutheran Church in America were made by the Rev. Chas. S. Bauslin, D. D., and by the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, D. D.

THE HOURS

The hours for the sessions of Synod were set as follows: Morning sessions from 9:30 A. M. to 12 M. Afternoon sessions from 1:30 P. M. to 4 P. M. Evening services at 8 P. M.

The Rev. W. Hoppe presented the following

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

I. MEMOIRS.

The Lord has spared our Synod during the year which has passed. As a Synod we have no deaths to record among our ministers. We should be most grateful to a gracious Lord for this protection to our working force and pray that He continue His favor to us in the year into which we now enter. But this opportunity may not pass without recording with heartfelt sorrow the loss our United Lutheran Church has sustained within the recent months. Of the men who were largely instrumental in organizing and directing the policy of our United Lutheran Church three have been called to their reward. On September 8, 1925 the Reverend J. A. Clutz, D.D., LL. D., Professor at the Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., died suddenly in Sweden. On December 4, 1925, the Reverend W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, died of a heart attack within a few hours of being stricken, and on January 5, 1926, the Reverend H. A. Weller, D.D., President of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, died after an illness of but a few days. Three stalwart men and true have fallen, but the Lord's work goes on ever. May we remember the sorrowing and grief-stricken before God's Mercy Seat and sympathize with our sister Synod in the appalling loss she has sustained.

II. UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The Secretary of the Executive Board notified the President that two representatives of the various Boards and Causes would be at this meeting of our Synod by appointment. Synod will be pleased to know that Dr. Charles

S. Bauslin, Institution and Recruiting Secretary of the Board of Education, and Dr. A. D. R. Hancher, the General Superintendent of Home Missions for the Southern District are the men who will bring the message of the Church.

During the summer the President was informed that the National Lutheran Council desired to have an active Publicity Committee in each Synod. At once he entered into correspondence with the various sections of the Synod so as to appoint a committee which would cover our whole territory. After many delays he succeeded in securing five men who are willing to serve in this capacity. With the consent of the Executive Committee he has appointed this committee: Charles E. Donnelly, 216 W. 36th St., Savannah, Ga., chairman; Charles H. Stieglitz, 277 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga.; W. M. Lester, 6th Floor, Southern Finance Building, Augusta, Ga.; J. S. Buck, 122 E. 16th St., Jacksonville, Fla.; and J. Everton Hartman, care of The Independent, St. Petersburg, Fla. At a recent meeting the Executive Board adopted this resolution:

"Resolved, that we request all of our Synods, Boards and other Agencies of the Church to co-operate with the National Lutheran Council to the greatest possible extent in order that we may secure proper publicity for actual matters of public interest in the most effective way."

This committee is not the same as the Press Committee which is appointed for reporting the meetings of the Synod locally. Synod should take some action whereby this Publicity Committee becomes a Standing Committee of the Synod.

The President was very much chagrined by receiving an inquiry from the President of the United Lutheran Church, Dr. F. H. Knubel, as to whether there was any truth in the rumor which was being circulated among the brethren of the Church that members of our Synod had been swept off their feet by the real estate boom in Florida and were conducting a land-office business in connection with their Church work. It gave your President great pleasure to be able to deny this piece of gossip most emphatically.

The official paper of the Church, *THE LUTHERAN*, put on a special campaign for subscribers during the fall. The management through the Circulation Manager, A. J. Arbogast, offered the Synod a bonus of 75c for each new subscription secured providing 200 new subscribers were gotten. On December 10th he notified me that only 106 new subscriptions for one year, 6 for six months and 13 renewals had been received. Although we had no right to expect anything more than the regular allowance which is 40c per subscription, yet Mr. Arbogast wrote thus: "While the required number of 200 was not reached, we are glad to inclose herewith our check for \$82.85 covering the amount of commission at the rate of 75c for each new one, and 20c for each renewal. In other words, we are paying at the same rate as if you had reached your goal. It is needless to say we are sorry that the total of 200 was not reached, but we find that a good percentage is main-

tained in your Synod." Synod should take some action indicative of its appreciation of this generous treatment we have received. The President has personally expressed such appreciation to THE LUTHERAN.

At the December meeting of the Parish and Church-School Board definite action was taken looking toward the election of a Field Secretary of the Southern District. Nothing of greater importance than this for our Sunday Schools could have been done by the Board. It will be the function of this officer to acquaint himself with the conditions and needs of our Southern Sunday School work, organize, co-ordinate and classify. He will assist schools in the introduction of Lutheran methods and literature and keep the Board acquainted with the Field, its needs and its development. It is the purpose of the Board to select a man from the South for this position and one who is well-fitted for this class of work. The Synod should take some recognition of this generous act of the Parish and Church-School Board.

The Committee on Evangelism of the U. L. C. A. wrote in August that the Committee on Evangelism appointed by the President, Dr. F. H. Knubel, had adopted a program of evangelism which it thought worth while and in order to get it to the attention of District Synods asked for the name of the chairman of the Synodical Committee on Evangelism. The President replied on the same day the letter was received and no doubt the proper committee will present that program for your consideration.

On May 16th, Dr. J. W. Kapp, Chairman of the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood Committee, addressed a letter to the former President, Pastor W. E. Pugh, which was forwarded to me. In it he asked concerning the possibility of organizing a Synodical Brotherhood. I replied at once and in a letter written on June 3rd from the Chicago office I was informed that Dr. Kapp was out of the city and on his return he would communicate with me on the subject. To date I have received no further word from him.

The Laymen's Movement of the U. L. C. A. is interested in two activities of the Church. Under their direction the Every Member Canvass is conducted in our churches. On August 4th I received a report from Dr. C. G. Schatzer, General Secretary, that of the 37 congregations of the Synod, only 8 had reported. I doubt the wisdom of reading off the names of those who failed so to report yet it should be brought to the attention of every pastor most insistently that it is of the greatest importance to have this information sent in promptly.

Another subject in which the Laymen's Movement is especially interested is that of Beneficiary Education. Secretary Schatzer informed the President that the laymen were ready to aid fifty young men in their preparation for the ministry. Since then one of our young men, Edwin D. Zeigler, has been received on their funds. In correspondence with the General Secretary your President presented the advisability of a uniform method of dealing with beneficiary students. If possible having those of our own Synod responsible to the Committee on Ministerial Education and subject to the Rules and Regulations adopted by Synod, allowing the funds expended upon them to pass through the hands of the Treasurer of the Synod.

He promised that he would bring this to the attention of their Executive Committee. I have heard nothing further from him on this proposition.

Every pastor has received a special letter from the Woman's Missionary Society of the U. L. C. A. calling attention to the fact that this year has been set aside by that organization as a Young Women's Year. "Their spiritual growth, their education along missionary lines and the consecration of their lives to Christ and His Church in whatever vocation they choose is of supreme interest." President Knubel has this to say of the purpose of the women: "As to the plans of the Woman's Missionary Society I most heartily approve the purpose which the Society has in mind. It will be a privilege to be of assistance to those plans in any way that you may ask." I commend this move of the Woman's Missionary Society to the hearty co-operation of the Synod.

III. THE SOUTHERN CHURCH.

Although the long drouth of the summer seemed to spell havoc for our literary institutions they have been operating as usual with marked success. Without increasing materially the per capita for benevolence the Executive Committee has placed the extra amount expected from the congregations of our Synod toward the increase of the Professors' salaries of the Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. among the appropriations of the Synod. Of course this is but a temporary arrangement. The Seminary Board has definite plans which will be presented by the Board. Loyal support is of absolute necessity. This is true of the other institutions to which we owe allegiance, Newberry College and Summerland College.

The Orphans Home at Salem, Va., has conducted a very successful campaign for funds and is now in the midst of active building operations. The General Chairman of the Campaign Committee of our Synod, Mr. Geo. W. Hunt, as well as the Superintendent of the Home will tell Synod more explicitly about these Home affairs.

The Campaign for Funds so needed for the Lowman's Home, White Rock, S. C., has given place to the efforts of the Orphans Home and of the Seminary. A special appeal is being made to the churches of the Synod for specific sums. It is hoped that each congregation will find it possible to meet the wishes of the Board of the Lowman's Home so as to enable this necessary and needy institution to function properly.

IV. GEORGIA SYNOD.

Early in the year the President was put into a most embarrassing situation by the application of several ministers from constituent Synods of the U. L. C. A. for membership in our Synod. By the provision of the Constitution the President was only able to notify each applicant that their applications would be considered at the next meeting of the Synod. Reference of this matter to the Executive Committee by the President induced it to request Dr. M. J. Epting to prepare an amendment to the Constitution and present it in proper form for action at the next convention of the Synod.

At the first meeting of the Executive Committee under the new officers exception was taken by two congregations to the manner in which the apportionment had been laid. After due investigation and consideration the Executive Committee found that their contentions were well taken. The Committee supported the President in the order he had given the Synodical Statistician that no corrections to Parochial Reports shall be made by him without first having called the attention to the pastor concerned to the inaccuracy.

(a) WORK IN GEORGIA.

After a good deal of correspondence at last it seems as if something definite may be done for the Finns at McKinnon. Pastor W. A. Lutz, Brunswick, Ga., whom the Synod commissioned to investigate and report on the conditions there, is to be commended for the very lucid and explicit report submitted. Through this report and correspondence with the President of the Suomi Synod, Pastor A. Haapanen, it was found that a Finnish minister connected with the Pentecostal Church has been in the colony but apparently had no influence with these people. It is hoped that one of their own nationality will visit the colony right soon. The possibility of using the pastor at Brunswick, Ga., for mission operations at Valdosta, Waycross together with McKinnon is being considered.

A sad condition presents itself with regard to the work at Oglethorpe. The President has tried to induce this congregation to engage a regular pastor, but they prefer to be supplied from the Seminary. Until the stated supply is on the field the President has ordered the Treasurer to withhold the sum Synod has appropriated for this work. No lasting good can come from an arrangement which this charge has insisted on. The same situation seemed to develop at Plains, Ga., but through the good offices of Pastor C. A. Phillips it is hoped to have this condition obviated.

(b) WORK IN FLORIDA.

Especially good reports are received from our Missions at Lake City and St. Petersburg. It is most gratifying to see the work progress so well under the faithful and loyal service of our missionaries.

St. Augustine has secured a lot through the efforts of the General Superintendent for the Southern District. Special mention must be made of the handsome support received by this Mission from the Woman's Missionary Society of our Synod. The good ladies made a very substantial contribution to the funds of this church by presenting it with \$513.55 as their thankoffering. Though the President of Synod has acknowledged the gift and thanked the Woman's Missionary Society he feels that Synod owes it to itself to take like action.

Daytona has organized and has secured a lot with a house on it, suitable for chapel purposes and a residence for the pastor. As Synod had appropriated \$500.00 for the Field Missionary's salary several years ago which

was placed in the Savings Department of the Bank, the President ordered this sum to be paid by the Treasurer to this Mission for the purchase of property and the Executive Committee approved this action.

It will be glad news to the members of the Synod to learn that the congregation at Jacksonville, Fla., has sold their old plant and have bought two new sights on which two new churches are to be built as speedily as possible. Pastor Hiller states that shortly he expects to have two modern plants. He adds: "Unless our present plans miscarry, we will have a Lutheran centre here." God speed the work and the day.

As in the operations at Jacksonville where perfect harmony and unanimity has prevailed so in the sale of the church in which meetings are being held the congregation has acted as a unit to the joy and gratification of the pastor. Already ground has been secured for another and more commodious and modern plant. May the same harmony mark the completion of this work which has attended it so far. I am sure that the Synod joins with me in wishing God's richest blessings on these operations of our churches.

(c) NEW WORK.

Through the interest of the General Superintendent of Home Missions, Dr. John F. Seibert, together with the active co-operation of our own Dr. A. D. R. Hancher, new work has been begun at Miami, West Palm Beach, and Hollywood. A pastor of our Synod is located at Hollywood and pastors will be placed at the other two places as soon as they can be gotten. There are other places which should be occupied at once. Already the Home Mission Board has dealt with us far more liberally than we have any right to expect. I do not doubt that it will put its whole strength back of such work as promises immediate results. It is incumbent on us to do what we can to stir up our own people to a realization of the enormous opportunities and responsibilities God has given us in this time. Some recognition should be made of the Home Mission Board's splendid support of our work.

(d) SPECIAL ITEMS.

At the last meeting of the Synod an offer was made to the Synod of certain lots situate at Dowling Park, Fla. Every effort was made to come to terms with the donor. Just at the time that your officers thought that all was ready for the transfer the donor withdrew his offer on most specious grounds. The President is still in correspondence with the donor in the hope of securing the gift for the Synod.

The Mission Committee will present definite proposals regarding Synod's beginning work among the Colored people. I should like to stress this work here and urge upon Synod the most careful and prayerful consideration of this opportunity. Before the meeting of the Synod the President hopes to be in possession of further information regarding this work and will present it to the proper committee.

In the course of the year the President has received any number of applications for work in our Synod. At the present time he has eleven such

applications on his desk. As most of these men are strangers it is impossible to place them. Again when recommended to congregations these seem to have information which has not come to the President and will not consider extending a call. It is a difficult problem which is engaging the attention of nearly every President of Synods in the U. L. C. A.

Receiving a Bulletin from the Synod of the Northwest the thought has come to me that it might be well to issue such a Bulletin bi-monthly or quarterly by our Synod. The Florida Conference of our Synod as well as the Synodical Woman's Missionary Society have such publications. Might not the Synod issue something of this sort by combining the efforts of these two organizations? The President makes no recommendation on this subject, but submits it to the thoughtful consideration of the Synod.

VI. CONCLUSION.

As most of those items which would require a recommendation have been handed over to proper committees which will bring in necessary recommendations it will not be required that I affix any to this report.

In closing this report I desire to thank the brethren for the loyal support which was accorded me by each and every one throughout the year. I beg your patience during the meeting of this Convention and bespeak for myself your co-operation in the work of this Convention that it may be attended to as expeditiously as possible.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

W. HOPPE,

President of the Synod and Ministerium
of Georgia and Adjacent States.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report. The Committee reported as follows in the same session, the Rev. W. E. Pugh reading the report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee begs to submit the following items for consideration:

1. That the Synod approve appointment by the President of a Publicity Committee. We recommend that this be made a Standing Committee.

2. That, in addition to the acknowledgment made by the President to the Publishing House for its kindness in remitting \$82.85 as a bonus on subscriptions to *The Lutheran*, although Synod's quota of subscriptions was not obtained, the Secretary of Synod be instructed to express to the management of the Publishing House our appreciation of this courtesy.

3. With reference to the work of The Laymen's Movement of the U. L. C. A. we would again emphasize the importance of hearty co-operation on the part of all of our pastors and congregations.

4. We recommend that Synod express its cordial co-operation in regard to "Young Women's Year" as sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society of the U. L. C. A.

5. We note with deep interest the plan of the Parish and Church School Board to place a Field Secretary in the Southern District, and would hereby express Synod's eager readiness to co-operate in every proper manner for the furtherance of our Sunday School interests.

6. We recommend that the action of the Executive Committee in appropriating funds towards the increase of salary of the professors at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary be approved.

7. We recommend that Synod commend to its congregations the work of the Lowman Home, and urge upon our people a liberal response to its appeal for funds for new buildings.

8. We recommend that Synod make formal acknowledgement through the Secretary of the splendid gift made by the Synodical Missionary Society to the new mission at St. Augustine, Fla.

9. We recommend that Synod approve the action of the Executive Committee in appropriating the \$500.00 in hand for Field Missionary's salary to the purchase of church property in Daytona Beach, Fla.

10. We recommend that Synod express through the Secretary our most hearty appreciation and gratitude to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for its splendid support of the work on our territory.

11. We recommend that the Executive Committee be instructed to investigate the advisability and possibility of publishing a synodical Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. PUGH,
E. B. KEISLER,
W. A. LUTZ,
D. F. BARTHELMESS.

The report was considered seriatum. Each item was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

Dr. R. L. Gnann presented the Treasurer's Report.

The Report of the Apportioned Benevolences appears on the opposite page.

The following remittances for 1925 were received after December 31st, 1925 and were authorized by the Executive Committee to be placed in the

APPENDIX TO TREASURER'S REPORT 1925

Jan. 19, Christ, Cullman, Ala.	\$ 3.63	\$12.87	\$16.50
Jan. 23, Wingard Memorial, Clyo, Ga.	1.10	3.90	5.00
Feb. 2, St. Mark's, DeSoto City, Fla.	14.00	49.60	*63.60

Total \$18.73 \$66.37 \$85.10

*Apportionment paid in full.

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Holy Trinity, Springfiel
Laurel Hill, Effingham
Bethlehem, Lake City,
Christ English, Birming
St. John's, Broadhurst,
St. James, Brunswick,
Christ English, Culma
St. John's, Rincon, Ga
Jerusalem, Effingham Co
Grace, Stillwell, Ga.—
St. Philip's, Senoia,
Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson,
St. John's, Jacksonville
Grace, Lakeland, Fla.
Church of the Redeemer
St. Michael's, Muscadine
Mt. Zion, Macon Cour
St. John's, Macon Cour
St. Luke's, Oglethorpe,
St. Andrew's, Plains,
St. Mark's, Sumter Co
St. Paul's, Bronxwood,
Church of the Ascension
St. Paul's, Savannah,
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Trinity, Avon Park, Fla.
St. Paul's, Wauchula, Fla.
Memorial, St. Augustin
Trinity, St. Petersburg,
St. John's, Weirsdale,
Mt. Olivet, Marlow, Ga
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1925. (Itemized sta
Minutes, page 20)
Offerings at Synod, Feb
Dr. L. E. Shealey, for the
Board of Publication, \$
Total Receipts Jan. 1,
Dec. 31, 1925
Balance on hand Jan. 1

TOTAL	—
Disbursements Jan. 1,	
Dec. 31, 1925	
Bal. Checking Dept. C.	
Jan. 4, 1926	
Savings Dept. C. & S.	
Interest Savings Dept.	
Jan. 1, 1926	

Cash balance on hand

*Apportionment paid in

TREASURER'S REPORT

Apportionments and Receipts of Pastorates of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Georgia and Adjacent States for the Year Ending December 31, 1925.

CONGREGATIONS										TOTAL PAID					
MEMBERS	SYNODICAL PURPOSES			U. L. C. IN AMERICA			TOTAL APPORTIONMENT			UNAPPORTIONED BENEVOLENCE AMOUNT PAID					
	APPORTIONED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE DUE	APPORTIONED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE DUE	APPORTIONED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE DUE						
Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.	376	263.20	\$ 263.20	\$ 932.48	\$ 932.48	\$ 0	\$ 1,195.68	\$ 1,195.68	\$ 0	\$ 306,021.70					
Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.	445	311.50	\$ 311.50	\$ 1,103.60	\$ 1,103.60	\$ 0	\$ 1,415.10	\$ 1,415.10	\$ 0	\$ 50,355.10					
Bethel, Gwinnett County, Ga.	123	86.10	\$ 61.95	24.15	305.04	\$ 131.10	171.94	391.14	195.05	\$ 120.05					
Willard Memorial, Glynn, Ga.	30	21.00	\$ 4.66	16.34	74.00	\$ 54.54	57.86	95.50	21.30	\$ 29.00					
Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga.	19	53.30	\$ 53.30	192.92	195.63	\$ 0	25.12	25.12	107.23	\$ 358.43					
Laurel Hill, Eflingham County, Ga.	95	66.50	\$ 66.50	235.60	139.12	\$ 46.28	302.10	255.82	46.28	\$ 52.50					
Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla.	71	49.70	\$ 49.70	176.08	21.84	134.24	225.78	71.54	154.24	\$ 30.33					
Chris. English, Birmingham, Ala.	82	57.40	\$ 57.64	203.36	203.36	\$ 0	266.70	261.00	66.95	\$ 32.79					
St. John's, Brookhurst, Ga.	45	31.50	\$ 31.50	111.60	111.60	\$ 0	143.10	143.10	\$ 0	\$ 74.00					
Chris. English, Cumming, Ala.	60	53.00	\$ 25.15	281.00	281.00	\$ 0	78.95	36.50	104.10	\$ 60.00					
St. John's, Rincon, Ga.	62	43.40	\$ 12.12	27.08	153.76	\$ 57.84	95.52	197.16	74.16	\$ 123.00					
Jerusalem, Eflingham, County, Ga.	161	112.70	\$ 112.70	399.28	317.42	\$ 81.86	511.98	430.12	253.33	\$ 683.45					
Grace, Stillwell, Ga.	36	25.20	\$ 25.20	89.28	89.28	\$ 0	114.48	114.48	2.00	\$ 116.48					
St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga.	36	25.20	\$ 25.20	89.28	89.28	\$ 0	114.48	114.48	461.85	\$ 576.33					
Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga.	37	25.90	\$ 9.05	16.85	91.76	\$ 32.11	117.66	41.16	76.50	\$ 103.84					
St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla.	221	154.70	\$ 77.35	54.86	274.04	\$ 0	702.78	351.39	351.39	\$ 145.00					
Grace, Lakeland, Fla.	51	51.80	\$ 51.80	183.52	183.52	\$ 0	231.32	215.32	468.28	\$ 703.60					
Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga.	74	51.80	\$ 51.80	183.52	183.52	\$ 0	235.32	235.32	10.80	\$ 246.16					
St. Michael's, Maysidine, Ala.	25	17.50	\$ 17.50	72.00	72.00	\$ 0	89.50	89.50	0	\$ 5.10					
Mt. Zion, Macon County, Ga.	53	37.10	\$ 1.12	35.98	131.44	\$ 3.98	127.46	168.54	5.10	\$ 163.44					
St. John's, Macon County, Ga.	58	40.60	\$ 40.60	143.84	143.84	\$ 0	184.44	184.44	0	\$ 184.44					
St. Luke's, O'xboro, Ga.	37	25.90	\$ 25.90	91.76	91.76	\$ 0	117.66	117.66	0	\$ 117.66					
St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga.	64	49.00	\$ 39.40	7.10	106.16	\$ 41.51	25.01	213.06	180.95	\$ 32.11					
St. Mark's, Sumter County, Ga.	19	48.10	\$ 37.72	39.58	171.12	\$ 30.04	40.18	219.42	179.76	\$ 49.50					
St. Paul's, Brownwood, Ga.	18	12.60	\$ 5.89	6.71	44.64	\$ 20.87	23.77	57.24	26.76	\$ 30.48					
Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.	822	575.40	\$ 575.40	2,038.56	2,038.56	\$ 0	2,611.96	2,613.96	0	\$ 1,846.50					
St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.	635	444.50	\$ 444.50	1,574.80	1,574.80	\$ 0	2,019.30	2,019.30	0	\$ 1,024.57					
Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga.	80	56.00	\$ 56.00	198.40	198.40	\$ 0	254.00	254.40	60.00	\$ 314.40					
St. Paul's, Savannah, Fla.	20	4.00	\$ 4.00	50.50	49.60	\$ 0	63.60	63.60	0	\$ 0.00					
Trinity, Avon Park, Fla.	14	4.00	\$ 4.00	49.60	49.60	\$ 0	63.60	63.60	0	\$ 0.00					
St. Paul's, Wauacha, Fla.	26	18.20	\$ 18.20	64.48	64.48	\$ 0	82.68	82.68	0	\$ 0.00					
Memorial, St. Augustine, Fla.	14	9.80	\$ 9.80	34.72	34.72	\$ 0	44.52	44.52	0	\$ 4.52					
Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.	190	133.00	\$ 133.00	471.20	471.20	\$ 0	604.20	604.20	65.00	\$ 669.20					
St. John's, Weirsdale, Fla.	28	19.60	\$ 19.60	69.54	69.54	\$ 0	89.04	89.04	0	\$ 0.00					
Mt. Oliver, Marlow, Ga.	21	14.70	\$ 14.70	52.48	52.48	\$ 0	67.18	67.18	0	\$ 2.20					
Miller Chapel, Eflingham County, Ga.	26	18.20	\$ 18.20	64.48	64.48	\$ 0	82.68	82.68	0	\$ 69.38					
Zion, Eflingham County, Ga.	113	79.10	\$ 79.10	280.24	280.24	\$ 0	359.34	359.34	88.65	\$ 82.68					
Receipts, 1925, for Apportionment and Unapportioned Benevolence				\$ 3,138.80	\$ 2,738.85	\$ 400.19	\$ 11,130.72	\$ 9,344.60	\$ 1,786.12	\$ 14,269.52	\$ 12,083.45	\$ 2,186.31	\$ 5,949.49	\$ 18,032.94	
Receipts 1924 Apportionment received in 1925. (Itemized statement 1925 Minutes, page 20)				247.05		843.46				1,090.51			1,090.51		
Offerings to Synod, Feb. 1925											46.65		46.65		
Dr. L. E. Shealey, for Seminary											10.00		10.00		
Board of Publication, for Education											82.85		82.85		
Total Receipts Jan. 1, 1925 to Dec. 31, 1925															
TOTAL				\$ 2,985.90		\$ 10,188.06				\$ 13,173.96			\$ 6,088.99	\$ 19,262.95	
Disbursements Jan. 1, 1925 to Dec. 31, 1925				\$ 930.26		167.20					97.37		1,194.83		
Bal. Checking Dept. C. & S. Bank Jan. 4, 1926				\$ 3,916.16		\$ 10,355.26							\$ 18,163.36	\$ 20,457.78	
Savings Dept. C. & S. Bank Jan. 1, 1926				2,618.19		8,609.19							5,889.56	17,116.94	
Interest Savings Dept. C. & S. Bank, Jan. 1, 1926				\$ 1,297.97		\$ 1,746.07							\$ 296.80	\$ 3,340.84	
Cash balance on hand Jan. 4, 1926				18.34										517.91	
18.34				\$ 1,834.24		\$ 1,746.07								18.34	
*Apportionment paid in full.				a 24c overpaid.		b Nothing paid on apportionment.		c Including \$400 on local building debt.						\$ 296.80	\$ 3,877.11

The following congregations paid their apportionment in full:

Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.
 Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.
 Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga.
 Christ English, Birmingham, Ala.
 St. James, Brunswick, Ga.
 Grace, Stillwell, Ga.
 St. Philips, Senoia, Ga.
 Grace, Lakeland Fla.
 Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga.
 St. Luke's, Oglethorpe, Ga.
 Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.
 St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.
 Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga.
 Memorial, St. Augustine, Fla.
 Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Mt. Olivet, Marlow, Ga.
 Miller Chapel, Effingham County, Ga.
 Zion, Effingham County, Ga.

The following paid nothing on apportionment:

St. John's, Broadhurst, Ga.
 St. Michael's, Muscadine, Ala.
 St. John's, Macon County, Ga.
 St. Mark's, DeSoto City, Fla.
 Trinity, Avon Park, Fla.
 St. Paul's, Wauchula, Fla.

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R. L. Gnann, Treasurer, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and
 Ministerium of Georgia and Adjacent States

UNAPPORTIONED BENEVOLENCE

1925—	<i>Receipts</i>	
Jan. 1, Balance on Hand	\$ 97.37	
Jan. 3, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., Ministerial Relief	36.00	
Jan. 9, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Student Support Newberry College	25.00	
Jan. 9, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., World Service (German Relief)	10.00	
Jan. 12, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga. (Orphan Home Building Fund)	14.29	
Jan. 13, Laurel Hill, Effingham County, Ga., Lowman Home	5.00	
Jan. 21, Grace Church, Lakeland, Fla., Orphan Home Building Fund	15.40	
Jan. 23, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home	50.00	

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Jan. 28, Zion, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home	17.55
Jan. 31, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Orphan Home	50.00
Jan. 31, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Ministerial Relief	100.00
Jan. 31, Grace Church, Lakeland, Fla., Local Building Fund	100.00
Feb. 10, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Student Support Newberry College	62.50
Feb. 11, Christ English Lutheran Church, Cullman, Ala., for Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Augustine, Fla.	10.00
Feb. 16, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Foreign Missions	40.00
Feb. 17, Offering at Synod Tuesday Evening	23.93
Feb. 18, Wednesday Evening's Offering at Synod	22.72
Feb. 19, Dr. L. E. Shealy, Oglethorpe, Ga., for Increase of Professors Salaries at Seminary	10.00
Feb. 19, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	40.25
Feb. 19, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Student Support Newberry College	25.00
Feb. 20, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., World Service	113.15
Feb. 27, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	160.00
Feb. 27, Jerusalem, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	56.15
Feb. 27, Jerusalem, Effingham County, Ga., Theological Seminary	6.00
Feb. 28, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home	38.56
Feb. 28, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Lowman Home	38.56
Mar. 5, Laurel Hill, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	44.50
Mar. 6, Wingard Memorial, Clyo, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	28.00
Mar. 9, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	1,000.00
Mar. 11, Bethel, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	77.00
Mar. 13, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., World Service	5.25
Mar. 14, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Student Support Newberry College	15.00
Mar. 14, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home	58.40
Mar. 18, St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga., Orphans Home	14.82
Mar. 18, St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga., Theological Seminary	10.00
Mar. 20, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	1.50
Mar. 21, Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga., Theological Seminary	3.00
Mar. 21, Bethel, Effingham County, Ga., Theological Seminary	3.00
Mar. 21, Laurel Hill, Effingham County, Ga., Theological Seminary	3.00
Mar. 21, Wingard Memorial, Clyo, Ga., Theological Seminary	1.00
Mar. 25, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Student Support Newberry College	100.00

Mar. 25, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Theological Seminary	25.00
Mar. 25, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Student Support Newberry College	25.00
Apr. 1, Zion, Effingham County, Ga., World Service	19.25
Apr. 3, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Theological Seminary	75.00
Apr. 3, Christ Church, Cullman, Ala., World Service	34.75
Apr. 15, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Foreign Missions	61.50
Apr. 17, St. James', Brunswick, Ga., World Service	7.50
Apr. 17, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Theological Seminary	25.00
Apr. 17, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	579.50
Apr. 17, Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	50.00
Apr. 17, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Foreign Relief	9.35
Apr. 30, Christ Church, Birmingham, Ala., Orphan Home Building Fund	46.00
May 3, Bethel, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	15.00
May 6, Grace Church, Lakeland, Fla., Local Building Fund Debt	100.00
May 6, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Seminary	12.00
May 6, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Illinois Tornado Relief	11.00
May 14, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	67.00
May 14, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., F. M. F. fund	8.00
May 20, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	500.00
May 28, Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga., Orphan Home	10.80
May 28, Grace Church, Lakeland, Fla., Local Building Fund Debt	100.00
June 4, Memorial Church, St. Augustine, Fla., Theological Seminary	3.00
June 13, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Orphan Home	4.95
June 22, Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla., Orphan Home Building Fund	50.00
June 22, Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla., Theological Seminary	15.00
June 23, Jerusalem, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	49.18
June 23, Grace Church, Stillwell, Ga., Theological Seminary	2.00
June 23, St. John's, Rincon, Ga., Theological Seminary	2.00
July 1, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	25.00
July 1, Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga., Orphan Home	3.23
July 8, Christ Church, Cullman, Ala., World Service	5.25
July 11, St. James, Brunswick, Ga., Theological Seminary	10.00
July 11, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Orphan Home	12.50
July 13, St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga., Lowman Home	12.05
July 13, St. Mark's, Sumter County, Ga., Lowman Home	7.00
July 16, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., F. M. F. Fund	50.00

July 16, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., China Missions	24.22
July 17, Grace Church, Lakeland, Fla., Theological Seminary	7.50
July 23, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	45.00
July 30, Mt. Olivet, Marlow, Ga., Sunday School Normal Ebenezer Conference	2.20
Aug. 5, Jerusalem, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	57.00
Aug. 5, Jerusalem, Effingham County, Ga., Theological Seminary	62.00
Aug. 10, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., Theological Seminary	3.11
Aug. 10, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., China Missions	5.84
Aug. 15, Bethel, Effingham County, Ga., Missions	13.00
Aug. 22, Zion, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	35.00
Sept. 1, Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	101.00
Sept. 8, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Lowman Home	20.00
Oct. 2, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	75.00
Oct. 2, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Student Support Newberry College	25.00
Oct. 5, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	6.00
Oct. 10, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	10.00
Oct. 15, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Salem Hebrew Lutheran Mission	5.00
Oct. 15, Bethel, Effingham County, Ga., World Service	12.05
Oct. 16, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	21.00
Oct. 29, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Student Support Newberry College	25.00
Nov. 3, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	5.00
Nov. 12, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Special Appeal Board of Foreign Missions	49.00
Nov. 23, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Student Support Newberry College	25.00
Nov. 30, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Orphan Home	31.64
Dec. 3, Jerusalem, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home Building Fund	10.00
Dec. 3, Jerusalem, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home	13.00
Dec. 3, Christ Church, Birmingham, Ala., Orphan Home Building Fund	20.95
Dec. 3, Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home	10.00
Dec. 4, Grace, Lakeland, Fla., Orphan Home	40.38
Dec. 9, St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga., Theological Seminary Endowment Fund	141.00
Dec. 9, St. James, Brunswick, Ga., Andhra College, India	16.50
Dec. 10, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., Ministerial Relief	4.64

Dec. 11, St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga., Orphan Home	5.00
Dec. 11, St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga., Lowman Home	5.00
Dec. 11, St. Mark's, Sumter County, Ga., Theological Seminary Endowment Fund	39.00
Dec. 11, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home	5.45
Dec. 15, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Student Support Newberry College	25.00
Dec. 15, Christ Church, Cullman, Ala., Theological Seminary	10.00
Dec. 15, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., Ministerial Relief	1.00
Dec. 15, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., F. M. F. Fund	50.00
Dec. 15, Board of Publication for New Subscriptions to the Lutheran	82.85
Dec. 16, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Ministerial Relief	23.56
Dec. 17, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Orphan Home	50.00
Dec. 17, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Orphan Home	96.78
Dec. 21, John C. Karp, Grace Church, Lakeland, Fla., Orphan Home	5.00
Dec. 22, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Orphan Home	134.38
Dec. 23, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., Orphan Home	6.25
Dec. 29, St. Mark's, Sumter County, Ga., Theological Seminary Endowment Fund	3.50
Dec. 30, St. James, Brunswick, Ga., Orphan Home	40.00
Dec. 30, Grace, Lakeland, Fla., Local Building Fund Debt	100.00
Dec. 31, Zion, Effingham County, Ga., Orphan Home	16.85
Total receipts	\$6,186.36
Disbursements	\$5,974.56
Loan from Synodical Purposes to Unapportioned Benevolence for Seminary by order of Executive Committee	200.00
Loan from Synodical Purposes to Unapportioned Benevolence for Student Support at Newberry College by order of Executive Committee	200.00
Total Disbursements	\$5,574.56
Disbursed to Synodical Purposes to Repay Seminary Loan	200.00
Disbursed to Synodical Purposes on Student Support Loan	65.00
Disbursed to Synodical Purposes to Repay Balance of Loan to Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., September 25, 1924	50.00
Total Disbursements	\$5,889.56
Balance on hand January 4, 1926	\$ 296.80

TREASURER'S REPORT (Continued)

R. L. Gnann, Treasurer, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and
Ministerium of Georgia and Adjacent States

UNAPPORTIONED BENEVOLENCE

Disbursements

1925—

Feb. 2, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	\$ 25.00
Feb. 10, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	62.50
Feb. 18, Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Augustine, Fla.	10.00
Feb. 21, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	25.00
Mar. 2, C. M. Efird, Treasurer Theological Seminary.....	200.00
Mar. 2, Dr. A. G. Voight, Theological Seminary.....	22.72
Mar. 2, E. Clarence Miller, Ministerial Relief.....	159.93
Mar. 2, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	123.15
Mar. 2, D. G. Duncan, Treas., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	43.56
Mar. 2, G. R. Santmiers, Supt. Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	156.11
Mar. 2, E. Clarence Miller, F. M. F. Fund.....	50.00
Mar. 2, E. Clarence Miller, Foreign Missions.....	40.00
Mar. 3, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Local Building Debt, Grace Church, Lakeland, Fla.	100.00
Mar. 10, Dr. Luther Sieber, Treasurer Orphan Home Building Fund	1,358.59
Mar. 16, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	15.00
Mar. 25, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	25.00
Mar. 25, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	50.00
Apr. 3, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	73.22
Apr. 8, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	59.25
Apr. 8, Dr. J. Luther Sieber, Treasurer Orphan Home Building Fund	78.50
Apr. 21, Dr. J. Luther Sieber, Treasurer Orphan Home Building Fund	675.50
June 1, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	16.85
June 1, E. Clarence Miller, Shantung Mission.....	61.50
June 1, E. Clarence Miller, F. M. F. Fund.....	8.00
June 1, E. Clarence Miller, Illinois Tornado Relief.....	11.00
June 1, Dr. A. D. R. Hancher, Local Building Debt, Grace Church, Lakeland, Fla.	200.00
June 1, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	10.80
June 1, Dr. J. Luther Sieber, Treasurer Orphan Home Building Fund	582.00
July 14, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	5.25
July 14, Mr. Hotinger, Supt. Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	19.05
July 14, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	20.70
July 14, Dr. J. Luther Sieber, Treasurer Orphan Home Building Fund	124.18

Aug. 6, B. H. Grovenstein, Treasurer Ebenezer Conference.....	2.20
Sept. 3, E. Clarence Miller, F. M. F. Fund.....	50.00
Sept. 3, E. Clarence Miller, Special China Mission.....	30.06
Sept. 3, E. Clarence Miller, Home Missions.....	6.50
Sept. 3, E. Clarence Miller, Foreign Missions.....	6.50
Sept. 3, C. M. Efird, Treasurer Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary.....	62.00
Sept. 3, Dr. J. Luther Sieber, Treasurer Orphan Home Building Fund.....	238.00
Sept. 29, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	200.00
Oct. 15, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	12.05
Oct. 15, E. Clarence Miller, Salem Hebrew Mission.....	5.00
Oct. 15, Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.....	20.00
Oct. 15, Dr. J. Luther Sieber, Treasurer Orphan Home Building Fund.....	91.00
Oct. 24, Wm. F. Cappleman, Treasurer Theological Seminary.....	15.61
Dec. 4, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	10.00
Dec. 5, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.....	95.02
Dec. 5, Dr. J. Luther Sieber, Treasurer Orphan Home Building Fund.....	56.95
Dec. 5, E. Clarence Miller, Special Appeal of the Board of Foreign Missions.....	49.00
Dec. 16, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	25.00
Dec. 21, E. Clarence Miller, Ministerial Relief.....	29.29
Dec. 21, E. Clarence Miller, Andhra College.....	65.00
Dec. 21, E. Clarence Miller, F. M. F. Fund.....	50.00
Dec. 21, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.....	157.23
Dec. 21, Wm. F. Cappleman, Treasurer Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary.....	180.00
Dec. 21, Wm. F. Cappleman, Treasurer Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary.....	10.00
Dec. 21, D. G. Duncan, Treasurer Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.....	5.00
Dec. 21, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.....	139.38
	\$5,974.56

PLEDGED AT SYNOD FOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

	Amt. Pledged	Amt: Paid
Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.....	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.....	25.00	25.00
Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.....	25.00	25.00
Zion Parish, Effingham County, Ga.....	25.00	
Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.....	15.00	15.00
Memorial Church, St. Augustine, Fla.....	3.00	3.00
St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla.....	75.00	
Christ Church, Cullman, Ala.....	10.00	10.00

Bethel Parish, Effingham County, Ga.	10.00	10.00
Ebenezer Parish, Effingham County, Ga.	10.00	10.00
Haralson-Senoia Parish	15.00	15.11
Grace Church, Lakeland, Fla.	7.50	7.50
Plains Parish	10.00	10.00
St. James, Brunswick, Ga.	10.00	10.00

The foregoing material was placed in the hands of Synod in printed form. The Treasurer read the following on the floor of Synod:

Your Treasurer wishes to report that the finances of our Synod have been increasing and improving from year to year. This year our books show total receipts of \$19,281.29 against \$14,306.06, an increase of \$4,975.23. A glance at the Treasurer's reports in the old minutes of Synod shows that our receipts lack less than \$1,000 of doubling since 1922. There has been an increase each year.

More pastors and treasurers have realized the importance of remitting monthly, which practice your Treasurer has been striving to bring about by mailing regular statements and occasional letters to delinquent treasurers. Your Treasurer has been handicapped in some instances by not knowing the names of the treasurers of some of the congregations. My statements and communications are sometimes returned to me undelivered, or perhaps are laying now on the desk of a has-been treasurer. Pastors and delegates, please let me urge you to see that the Synodical Treasurer is furnished with the name and address of your benevolent treasurer, and as soon as a new one goes into office report to him at once. A great deal of co-operation along this line is needed.

The treasurer would appreciate it if the benevolent treasurers would use the remittance blanks furnished them in making their remittances. This will eliminate the chances of sending in checks with no directions or vague directions, which frequently necessitates your Treasurer having to write back for particulars.

We paid our apportionment to the U. L. C. in full this year. This was paid before July 31st, 1925, your Treasurer never having been notified that the U. L. C. fiscal year had been changed to end June 30th. It seems to me that somebody has been negligent in his duty. Your Treasurer should have been notified in some way of this change. However, I hold a receipt from the Treasurer of the U. L. C. for our apportionment having been paid in full.

It might be of interest to note that our receipts for unapportioned benevolence increased \$2,454.53 or 67 per cent over last year. Your increase in apportionment was 5.28 per cent. You paid this year 84.68 per cent of your total apportionment. Over 15 per cent yet unpaid, let's reach the top.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. GNANN.

The report was adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium
Of Georgia and Adjacent States.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions received from your Treasurer, Dr. R. L. Gnann, I have made an examination of the books and records of the Treasurer of your body from January 1, 1925 to December 31, 1925.

The following is a condensed summary of the financial transactions of the Synod for year 1925:

RECEIPTS	Synodical Purposes	U. L. C. In America	Unapportioned Benevolence	Total
Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1925	\$2,267.31	\$ 2,562.83	\$1,044.89	\$ 5,875.03
Received from Churches	2,985.90	10,188.06	6,088.99	19,262.95
	\$5,253.21	\$12,750.89	\$7,133.88	\$25,137.98
Int. on Savings Acct.	18.34			18.34
Total Receipts	\$5,271.55	\$12,750.89	\$7,133.88	\$25,156.32
DISBURSEMENTS	2,618.19	8,609.19	5,889.56	17,116.94
Bal. Cash in Bank	\$2,653.36	\$ 4,141.70	\$1,244.32	\$ 8,039.38
Certificate No. 722 Peo- ples Bank of Savan- nah charged off by order of Synod	819.12	2,395.63	947.52	4,162.27
Net Bal. Dec. 31, 1925	\$1,834.24	\$ 1,746.07	\$ 296.80	\$ 3,877.11

The following reconciliation shows the Treasurer's Cash Account to be in agreement with bank account:

Balance as per Bank Statement Dec. 31, 1925	\$4,306.89
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1925, deposited Jan. 4, 1926	107.98
	\$4,414.87

Less Checks Outstanding:

Check No. 122	\$973.33
Check No. 123	29.20
Check No. 124	16.50
Check No. 125	50.00
Check No. 129	5.00
	1,074.03
Balance on Hand Checking Account Dec. 31, 1025	\$3,340.84

Summary of Bank Balances—

Balance Citizens & Southern Bank Dec. 31, 1925—	
Checking Account	\$3,340.84
Balance Citizens & Southern Bank Dec. 31, 1925, Savings Account	536.27
Total Cash in Bank December 31, 1925	\$3,877.11

I examined all of the cancelled checks issued during the period under review and found them to be correct. All the disbursements were supported by vouchers, which upon comparison with the entries in the books were found to be correct. All receipts were found to have been deposited in your depository.

In conclusion I wish to state that I found that the books and records were kept in the usual good manner, and I have no criticism to make.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. HOLLAND,
Certified Public Accountant.

The Rev. H. E. Henning, Statistician, presented the

STATISTICAL REPORT

Accuracy in statistics, secured thru absolute honesty in rendering reports, is being recognized as a vital and important thing. We are not so much concerned whether or not we as a Lutheran Church shall retain our place as the third largest Protestant Church in America, as in the more vital question of honesty in reporting and of ACCURACY in the figures we present before the American people.

Now that the blank known as the Standard Parochial Report has become recognized as a PERMANENT form for our use, the Statistical Committee of the United Lutheran Church will soon place before our congregations other forms and records to SYSTEMATIZE and STANDARDIZE the whole question of records and the proper reporting of the same. In the near future we shall have forms for the gathering of statistical matter from the various treasurers and organizations of the congregation to be placed in the hands of the pastor early in January of each year so that he can easily and promptly fill out the Parochial Report.

The Committee has also prepared form for reporting to Synod "The State of the Church". (See last U. L. C. of A. Minutes) Probably most important of all is the revised "PARISH RECORD", in two sizes, which the Committee has prepared and which is now in the hands of the Publication Board and is promised soon to be issued.

There are still a few men who are slow in sending in their reports. This makes it impossible for your Statistician to make a complete report at this time, however, there is an improvement, and we content ourselves with thanking all who were prompt and ask all members of Synod to conform

to three things vital to our Synodical work wherever touched by statistics: PROMPTNESS! ACCURACY! EVEN DOLLARS!

To date 21 reports have been returned. They show an increase of 204 in baptized members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That all congregations, whose fiscal years do not correspond with the Synodical or Calendar year, be urged to have them correspond.
2. That ALL Parochial reports be sent in PROMPTLY as directed by the Statistician.
3. That the Statistician be given prompt notice of any changes in Pastorates.

The report was received and its recommendations were considered seriatum. The recommendations were amended to read as they appear above, and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

Turning to the election of officers, Synod cast a unanimous ballot for the following:

Secretary—Rev. L. W. Strickler.

Treasurer—Dr. R. L. Gnann.

Statistician—Rev. H. E. Henning.

The First Session adjourned at 11:45 A. M. with prayer by the Chaplain.

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday Afternoon, February 3, 1926, 1:30 P. M.

The Second Session was opened with prayer by the Rev. T. W. Shealy.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved after which the roll was called.

The Rev. L. W. Strickler presented the

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION

Immediately after the adjournment of the First Session of Synod, the Ministerial Session was convened.

The following action was taken:

1. It is recommended that the following be received into the membership of Synod:

Rev. A. J. Bowers, D. D., from the Synod of South Carolina.

Rev. J. C. Miller, from the Synod of Virginia.

Rev. Chas. P. MacLaughlin, D. D., from the Synod of Pittsburgh.

Rev. J. C. Wessinger from the Synod of South Carolina.

2. It is recommended that the action of the Examining Committee in placing the following on the funds of Synod be approved:

Mr. W. H. Lefstead, Student, Middle Class, Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Mr. Fulton B. Counts, Student, Middle Class, Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Mr. Cecil C. Helmly, Student, Sophomore Class, Newberry College.

Mr. Edwin D. Zeigler, Student, Sophomore Class, Newberry College.

Mr. Oliver M. Morgan, Student, Freshman Class, Newberry College.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. STRICKLER, Secretary.

The report was received and its recommendations were adopted item by item. The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. L. W. Strickler presented the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met immediately after the meeting of Synod in Jacksonville, Fla., on February 19, 1925, and in Savannah, Ga., on April 14, 1925, and December 8, 1925. Items of interest and importance were attended to at these meetings. Such as should engage the attention of the Synod are herewith reported:

At the meeting of the Committee on April 14, 1925, Mr. J. H. Paulsen presented his resignation. Efforts to have him reconsider this action were unavailing. Your Committee elected Mr. W. B. Spann, of Atlanta, Ga., to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Spann accepted the appointment, and has proved a real asset to the Committee in its work.

The Committee presents the following budget of apportionments and appropriations for adoption by the Synod for the years 1926 and 1927.

APPROPRIATIONS.

1. Beneficiary Education	\$1,000.00
2. Field Missionary	500.00
3. Lake City, Fla.	300.00
4. Macon County, Ga.	300.00
5. Executive Committee, salaries, expenses, etc. (a)	285.00
6. Committee on Inner Missions	5.00
7. Committee on Boys' Work	5.00
8. Statistician's Expense	5.00
9. Salaries Theological Seminary Professors, supplement to	250.00
10. Minutes of Synod, printing and distribution as much as needed.	
11. Newberry and Summerland Colleges, appropriation of ten cents per capita.	

(a) According to the Constitution, Article Six, Section 1, Paragraph 5, the Executive Committee determines salaries of the officers of Synod and makes appropriations for its necessary expenses.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1926 AND 1927

1. United Lutheran Church in America	\$	2.40
2. Synod of Georgia		.80
Total per capita	\$	3.20

INFORMATION.

1. To obviate the necessity of securing individual pledges to provide for the increase in the salaries of our professors at the Theological Seminary the Committee which was requested to devise means of insuring such increase has placed this item among the appropriations of Synod. As there are several congregations which had made voluntary pledges last year toward this fund which have not met their obligations the Treasurer was instructed to prepare as part of his report a list of the congregations which had pledged, showing in two columns the amount pledged and the amount paid on the pledge.

2. During the year the Executive Committee was called on to authorize an increase in the amount to be paid our beneficiary students. However as the Constitution provides that the Committee on Ministerial Education shall determine the number of students to receive aid and the amount to be paid each of them, your Committee has asked for such appropriation as the Committee on Ministerial Education has asked for its needs.

3. After very careful study of the situation the Executive Committee has authorized the Treasurer to advertise for sale the Claim of the Synod on the People's Bank, Savannah, Ga., and to dispose of it to the best advantage.

4. In a lengthy letter from the Secretary of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, the information is given that the whole matter of laying apportionments is being given very careful consideration by the Board which is striving to arrive at an equitable basis which shall be acceptable to all portions of the Church.

5. As our Mission at Daytona, Fla., was about to purchase a lot the Executive Committee authorized the Treasurer to give it the \$500.00 which was in the Savings Department at the Bank, an unpaid appropriation of the Synod toward the salary of a Field Missionary. This money together with what the Mission raised and the loan from the Home Mission Board enabled the Mission to acquire property which it so much needed.

6. With reference to Dowling Park, Fla., your Committee hesitated about accepting the proposition of Pastor G. Wenning, Sanger, California. But after investigation and a visit by the President and the Field Missionary to Dowling Park, Fla., it was resolved to accept the offer as it had been made. The President so notified the donor on September 16th, and again

on October 26th. But on November 3rd the donor concluded that he would not adhere to his original offer and withdrew the same.

7. The following memorial was submitted to the recent Convention of the United Lutheran Church at Chicago pursuant to this recommendation of the Executive Board:

"That where any department of the work of a Synod is under the supervision of one of the Boards of the United Lutheran Church and supported by it, no additional place be given on the budget of the Synod."

"Therefore, be it resolved, that a memorial to the United Lutheran Church state to that body that such action would be in the judgment of Indiana Synod an encroachment upon the autonomy of the District Synod."

8. At the meeting of the Committee April 14th, Dr. M. J. Epting presented the Committee and through it the Synod with a copy of the original charter of the Synod which his son, Wallace Epting as a law-student had found in the records of the Court. It has been placed in the archives of the Synod.

9. At the April meeting of the Committee objections were made by Grace Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Fla., and Zion Pastorate, Marlow, Ga., because of the apportionments which were laid on these congregations. At that meeting your committee on the evidence it then had confirmed the action of the Statistician in crediting them with the membership as reported. In correspondence with the President it was found that the Statistician had made corrections in the Parochial Reports without consultation with the pastors concerned. It was decided to correct this matter at once and request the pastors to use the figures as printed in the Minutes for 1925 as a basis in making their report for 1926 subtracting the necessary number to bring the membership to what they know to be correct, adding a footnote to indicate the apparent large losses.

10. The matter of Group Insurance was brought to the attention of the Committee by a representative of the Prudential Insurance Co. Your Committee did not think it wise to enter into this field at this time and therefore so advised this Company.

11. The Executive Committee took the following action:

a. The offering at the service on Wednesday evening, February 18, 1925, of the last Convention of the Synod was given to the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., for its incidental account.

b. The Archives are to be placed in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., if the arrangements undertaken by the Committee can be carried out.

c. The Funds of the Synod are to be insured up to \$2,000.00.

d. The Opening Service of the Convention of Synod this year shall be held at 8 P. M., February 2, 1926, in Grace Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Fla.

12. Items referred to the Executive Committee were considered and the following disposition was made:

a. Minutes, 1925, page 17, item 8. This matter has been attended to by placing the sum of \$250.00 among the appropriations for the Seminary.

b. Minutes, 1925, page 17, item 11. A recommendation at the close of this report seeks to relieve the pressure placed on our President and is all that the Committee feels Synod can do at the present time.

c. Minutes, 1925, page 28. Attended to by action of the Committee reported above.

d. Minutes, 1925, page 39, item 5. This matter was reported on previously.

13. As the President was placed in an embarrassing position during the year owing to a provision of the Constitution concerning the reception of ministers from constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church, Dr. M. J. Epting was requested to prepare an amendment to Article Eight, Section I, Paragraph 1, so as to permit the reception of such brethren of the faith as well as the students who desire aid from the funds of the Synod.

14. Robert L. Holland, certified public accountant, has been designated as the accountant to audit the Treasurer's accounts for 1925. The audit of this accountant will be submitted with the Treasurer's report.

15. The Secretary was instructed to have the regular number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed (1,000).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the appropriations and the apportionments for 1928 be presented by the Executive Committee at the next Convention of the Synod. That henceforth the same be made one year in advance so as to give our congregations a working basis for their annual budgets.

2. Since it is not possible owing to the financial condition of Synod to put its President on a salary, the Committee would recommend that Synod provide the President with such clerical help as may be needed.

3. That the Synod indorse the memorial of the Indiana Synod as coinciding with its own position.

4. That Synod reconsider its action of last year as recorded on page 19, items 3 and 6 of the Report of the Statistician, Minutes, 1925, and rescind the same.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered by items. Upon motion all that part of the report up to "Information" was adopted. Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12a, 12c, 12d, 13, 15, and 16 were received as information. Items 3, 7, were adopted. With reference to Item 10, the action was approved. With reference to Item 12b, the matter was referred to the Executive

Committee with power to act. In connection with Item 13, the Rev. W. A. Reiser presented the Motion to Amend the Constitution which appears below. Under the head of "Recommendations", Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

We, the undersigned members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Georgia and the Adjacent States, in pursuance of the joint recommendation of the Executive Committee and the Committee on Ministerial Education, do hereby move an amendment of the Constitution, Article Eight, Section I, by adding to paragraph 1 the following:

a. However, when the Synod is not in convention assembled the Examining Committee shall report its favorable action with recommendation on the reception of ministers from constituent synods of the United Lutheran Church in America to the President of the Synod. Upon such favorable recommendation the President shall refer the applications to the Executive Committee, which Committee shall have the authority to receive such ministerial applicants into the Synod, subject to the approval of the Ministerial Session, final action on the applications to be taken by the Synod.

b. In the case of beneficiary students who make application for beneficiary relation, or renewal thereof, and financial aid, between the meetings of the Synod, their reception upon the funds of the Synod as beneficiaries shall be recommended by the Examining Committee through the President of the Synod to the Committee on Ministerial Education, the said Committee on Ministerial Education to have power to act upon the applications.

Respectfully,

W. HOPPE,
M. J. EPTING,
L. W. STRICKLER,
T. W. SHEALY,
R. L. GNANN,
W. E. PUGH.

The motion was tabled until the next annual meeting.

The Rev. W. A. Reiser presented also the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Synod be directed hereby to suggest to the Synod at its next annual meeting such verbal changes in the Articles of the Constitution providing for the reception of ministers of constituent synods of the United Lutheran Church in America, and applicants for beneficiary relation and aid, as will bring the said articles into harmony with the amendment proposed and moved at this Convention of the

Synod, such changes in words and phrases not to affect the vital principles of the Constitution but to secure clarity and obviate conflicts in phraseology and procedure.

The resolution was adopted.

The Rev. T. W. Shealy presented the

REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee of the Synod has tried to look after the missionary interests of Synod and would report the following items for information and consideration:

I. MISSIONS OF THE BOARD.

The quarterly reports which have been received from our pastors indicate that the missions are in a healthy condition and are prospering and progressing under the faithful ministry of our men.

In conference with Dr. A. D. R. Hancher, the General Superintendent of the Southern District, the Committee requested approval of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the U. L. C. A. on the following schedule of appropriations for the year 1926:

Mission	To be Paid by the			Total	Parsonage
	Board	Mission			
Brunswick, Ga.—1905.					
St. James, W. A. Lutz	\$1,200.00	\$ 600.00	\$1,800.00	No	
			(1)		
Birmingham, Ala.—1911.					
Christ, C. M. Coffelt	950.00	1,050.00	2,000.00	Yes	
	(2)	(2)			
Lakeland, Fla.—1909.					
Grace, B. D. Wessinger	800.00	940.00	1,740.00	Yes	
	(3)	(3)			
Macon, Ga.—1914.					
Redeemer, L. W. Strickler	1,150.00	950.00	2,100.00	No	
	(4)	(4)			
St. Petersburg, Fla.—1911.					
Trinity, W. E. Pugh	800.00	1,050.00	1,850.00	Yes	
De Soto, Fla.—1920-1922.					
St. Marks (vacant)	675.00	1,000.00	1,675.00	No	
Trinity and St. Paul	(5)	(5)			
Weirsdale, Fla.—1922.					
St. John, J. H. Howe	300.00			No	
			(6)		
Cullman, Ala.—1922.					
Christ, H. E. Henning	200.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	No	
New Work and Emergency	1,000.00				

Field

• Salary of the Missionary, \$2,000.00, supplemented by \$500.00 by the Synod.

Besides the above new work is contemplated and begun as follows:

	To Be Paid by	Board	Mission	Total
West Palm Beach, Fla.		\$2,500.00		\$2,500
Hollywood, Fla., J. L. Yonce		1,500.00	\$600.00	2,100
Miami, Fla.		2,500.00		2,500

It is hoped to have these points manned very shortly. Synod owes it to the indefatigable effort of the General Superintendent for the Southern District that these important points are being taken care of by the Board of Home Missions.

(1) This is an increase of \$300.00 which the Mission agrees to add to the pastor's salary.

(2) The \$50.00 decrease by the Board is assumed by the Mission so that the salary remains the same.

(3) This is a decrease of \$120.00 by the Board, but the Mission doubles this in an increase to the pastor's salary.

(4) This is a reduction on the part of the Board by \$25.00, but the Mission increases the amount it pays on salary by \$230.00.

(5) As soon as a pastor is located at this point a salary of \$1,675.00 will be offered, an increase of \$200.00.

(6) Here an anomalous condition exists. Since April 1st this Mission has received no support from the Board. It will not be put back on the Board's funds until the present pastor relinquishes the place.

II. MISSIONS OF THE SYNOD.

Independently of the Board of Home Mission of the U. L. C. A., Synod is giving aid to two Missions: Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla., and Macon County Parish, Oglethorpe, Ga. The same appropriation was asked of the Executive Committee as was granted last year. With respect to the work at Lake City, Fla., it may be said that since Pastor J. C. Miller has taken charge the affairs of this Mission have improved very materially. The condition at Oglethorpe, Ga., is not so promising as the officers of that Mission refuse to call a regular pastor, preferring to depend upon supplies from the Seminary. Since September the aid of the Synod has been withheld.

III. ADVANCE MOVEMENTS.

(a) GEORGIA.

Little has been done with regard to the Finns at McKinnon, Ga. Last May the President of Synod entered into correspondence with Pastor A. Haapanen, President of the Suomi Synod. After waiting several months another letter was addressed to him without response. Not until December

20th was a reply received. Since then two letters have come to the President. In the last two President Haapanen gives valuable advice which will be followed. In his report to your committee Pastor W. A. Lutz, who was instructed by the Synod to inquire into the situation at McKinnon, mentions the fact that a Mr. Lajunen had visited the field this last summer. President Haapanen informs us that he is "Pentecostal or something of that spirit." The interests of these Finns will be looked after at once.

In conference with the General Superintendent for the Southern District it was determined to have McKinnon and Waycross looked after for the time being by the pastor at Brunswick. This is a preliminary step to doing permanent work at these points.

(b) FLÓRIDA.

Since the last meeting of the Synod both St. Augustine and Daytona have secured lots for future plants. The St. Augustine Mission received \$513.55, the Thankoffering money of the Synodical Woman's Missionary Society. And the Executive Committee used \$500.00 which was in the Savings Account for our work at Daytona. Of this the Field Missionary, Pastor E. B. Keisler, will give a fuller report.

Through the visit of General Superintendent of the Home Mission Board of the U. L. C. A., Dr. John F. Seibert, to our Florida field new enterprises have sprung up almost over night. It is the purpose of the Board to invest heavily in three important centers at once: Miami, West Palm Beach and Hollywood. Efforts are being put forth to secure men for Miami and West Palm Beach as soon as possible. Hollywood is supplied already by one of our own men, Pastor J. L. Yonce, who has begun active work with great success.

IV. WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

A letter has been received from one I. S. A. Bracy, Prattville, Ala., inquiring what steps the Synod had taken in the matter of work among his race. The committee gave this communication careful consideration and desires the deliberate expression of the Synod as to its purpose in the matter.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Synod express its high appreciation of the aid and liberal support which the Board of Home Missions of the United Lutheran Church has accorded our work.
2. That at the proper time each of our Missionaries be given an opportunity of telling of his work as briefly as possible.
3. That the Synod's Missions be expected to furnish your committee with quarterly reports. For which purpose blanks shall be furnished them and they be instructed to remit the same regularly.
4. Whereas, a letter from Rev. I. S. A. Bracy, Prattville, Ala., has come to this Committee, inquiring what our Synod has done for the Negroes, and

Whereas, the door of opportunity is open, and the need and the duty of ministering spiritually to the colored people in our territory is evident and urgent,

Resolved, that your Committee recommends that the Synod give prayerful consideration to the possibility of taking steps to begin work among the colored people and that the matter be referred to the Mission Committee in conjunction with the Executive Committee of Synod with power to act.

Respectfully submitted,

THE MISSION COMMITTEE.

The report was received and its recommendation were considered seriatus. The recommendations were amended to read as they appear above and each one was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. W. Hoppe presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS

It was not found necessary to call a meeting of the Committee of Presidents during the year 1925. No matters had come to attention of the President of the Synod or of either of the Conference Presidents which would have warranted such a call. The recent development of the Florida field needs special attention as this work is imperative; but the Mission Committee of the Synod in conjunction with the Board of Home Missions of the United Lutheran Church will actively prosecute this important operation.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Synod the following items are reported:

I. INSTALLMENTS.

March 15, 1925, Pastor B. D. Wessinger at Grace Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Fla. By President W. E. Pugh, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

March 29, 1925, Pastor F. L. Lineberger at Zion's Lutheran Church, Marlow, Ga. By Pastor T. W. Shealy, Springfield, Ga., at the direction of the President.

April 19, 1925, Pastor C. M. Coffelt at Christ Lutheran Church, Birmingham, Ala. By Pastor H. E. Henning, Cullman, Ala., by order of the President.

May 24, 1925, Pastor C. A. Philipps at the Lutheran Church, Plains, Ga. By Dr. W. H. Greever, Columbia, S. C., at the request of the President.

June 7, 1925, Pastor B. S. Dasher at the Lutheran Church, Senoia, Ga., by Pastor L. W. Strickler, Macon, Ga., by direction of the President.

II. RESIGNATIONS.

The President of the Synod was notified of the following resignations:

March 30, 1925, Pastor Geo. A. Stoudemayer of the Macon County Parish, Oglethorpe, Ga., informed the President that he would resign on April 5th to take effect on April 15th.

October 15, 1925, Pastor C. A. Phillips of the Plains Parish, Plains, Ga., informed the President that he had resigned the previous week and that his resignation was effective as of January 1, 1926.

October 25, 1925, Pastor J. L. Yonce of the DeSoto Mission Parish, DeSoto, Fla., notified the President that he had resigned and his resignation became effective on November 15th.

III. LETTERS OF TRANSFER.

May 25, 1925, the President issued a letter of transfer to Pastor Karl L. Reisner, who had removed to Pennsylvania, to unite with the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

December 8, 1925, a letter of transfer was granted to Pastor C. A. Phillips to unite with the South Carolina Synod, within whose bounds he has accepted work.

IV. CALLS ACCEPTED.

March 2, 1925, President W. E. Pugh was informed by Dr. A. J. Bowers that he had accepted a call to the Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga., to become its regular pastor.

March 18, 1925, the President was informed that Dr. C. P. MacLaughlin had assumed charge of the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.

June 8, 1925, notice was given the President that Pastor J. C. Miller had taken charge of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lake City, Fla., on June 7th.

October 5, 1925, the President received word that Pastor J. C. Wessinger had assumed charge of the Ebenezer Parish, Effingham County, Ga., on September 1st.

V. VACANCIES.

At the present time there are three vacancies in the Synod, the Plains Parish, Plains, Ga., and the Macon County Parish, Oglethorpe, Ga., and DeSoto City, Fla. It is hoped to have pastors stationed at these points soon, although there is a tendency to disregard the advice of the President and rely on supplies from the Seminary. Of this the Seminary authorities do not approve. The Macon County Parish was notified that as long as it had no resident pastor it would not receive aid from the Synod.

VI. CORNERSTONE LAID.

September 6, 1925, the cornerstone of the handsome new church edifice of the Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., was laid by the pastor, the Reverend W. A. Reiser at the direction of the President. He was assisted at this service by Dr. W. H. Greever, Columbia, S. C.

VII. MEMOIRS.

In His gracious Providence the good Lord has spared our ministers during the past year. There has not been a death among our clergy in 1925. For this we should be duly grateful and express our deepest gratitude to God in heartfelt prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS.

The official acts of the President were approved. The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. W. A. Reiser presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The report of your Synodical Committee on Evangelism must follow closely the lines of the report of the Committee on Evangelism of the U. L. C. A. This report will be found in the minutes of the Chicago Convention of the U. L. C. A. pages 255-59.

Your committee would like to call especial attention to the following items in that report:

"Church Councils are asked to devote some time in their monthly meetings to an intensive study of Evangelism from a local viewpoint."

"The stewardship of life must be emphasized in its relationship to evangelism. A life is evangelized only when it is begotten through the Gospel, and is lived according to the spirit and principles of the Gospel."

"It is recommended that the efforts of the congregations, throughout the whole United Lutheran Church, during the months of November and December, be directed towards the reclamation of lapsed members, the retrieving of losses sustained, and the securing of unattached Lutherans in every community. The seasons of Epiphany, Lent, and Post-Easter be set apart as the opportune time for seed sowing and harvesting".

COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

Upon motion Synod proceeded to the election of clerical and lay delegates to the United Lutheran Church Convention in Richmond, Va. The following were elected:

Principal	Alternate
Rev. W. Hoppe	Rev. W. A. Reiser
Rev. W. E. Pugh	Rev. L. W. Strickler
Mr. J. T. Clarke	Mr. H. E. Dreeson
R. L. Gnann, D. D. S.	A. D. Gnann, D. D. S.

The Second Session adjourned with prayer by the Chaplain.

THIRD SESSION

Thursday Morning, February 4, 1926, 9:30 A. M.

The Third Session was opened with a devotional service conducted by the Rev. W. A. Reiser.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted and the roll was called.

The Rev. W. A. Reiser presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

At the recent meeting of your committee action was taken on various matters which are hereby referred to the Synod for its consideration and approval.

1. At the present time the Synod is giving financial aid to Students W. H. Lefstead, Middle Class at the Seminary; Fulton B. Counts, Middle Class at the Seminary; and Oliver M. Morgan, Freshman Class at Newberry College. Besides these Edwin D. Zeigler, Sophomore at Newberry College, is receiving aid from the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship; and Cecil C. Helmly, Sophomore at Newberry College, is being assisted by the Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga. The difference assured these latter two students has been promised by the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga. It is reported that this latter congregation has a young man at Newberry College, James Dean, who is a Sophomore.

2. The rate set by the Synod in aiding these young men is entirely inadequate to meet the needs and demands. Your committee was compelled to increase the allowances to meet the situation. Under the rules as proposed it will not be necessary for the Synod to determine the amount per student, but will allow the committee a certain sum with which to operate.

3. Your committee is endeavoring to have the individual congregations as well as the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship clear through the Synodical treasury, so as to bring all the beneficiaries under its specific care and governed by its rules.

4. In accordance with the resolution of the Synod at its last meeting your committee has prepared "Rules and Regulations concerning Beneficiary Education"; "Application Blanks"; "Bond and Notes" all of which are subjoined to this report.

5. In order to carry on the work assigned to it your committee is convinced that it will need at least \$1,000.00 for the year. Of course the scholastic year is meant.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered by items. Item 1 was received as information. Item 5 had already been adopted. Items 2, 3 and 4 were approved. Upon motion the approval of Item 4 carried with it the adoption of the "Rules and Regulations Concerning Beneficiary Education", "Application Blanks", "Bond and Notes", all of which are printed below. The report was adopted as a whole.

RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING BENEFICIARY EDUCATION

I. Composition and Duties of the Committee.

- (a) The Committee on Ministerial Education shall be composed and its duties shall be as indicated in Article VII, Section II of the Synodical Constitution and in Article XVIII of the By-Laws of said Constitution.
- (b) It shall hold at least two meetings each year and such other meetings as it shall itself determine.
- (c) It shall make an annual report to the Synod and from time to time it shall prepare Rules and Regulations for the carrying on of its work, but shall always submit the same to the Synod for its approval.

II. Reception of Applicants.

- (a) All applicants for beneficiary aid shall make application in writing to the President of the Synod (Constitution, Article VIII, Section I, 1) who shall submit the same to the Examining Committee for recommendation and approval. (Constitution, Article VII, Section III, 2.)
- (b) All applications must be received by the President of the Synod at least one month before the opening of the Fall session of Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., and of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S. C. For this purpose the "APPLICATION BLANKS" furnished by the Committee shall be used. In the case of students applying for the first time the application shall be accompanied with a written statement of the reasons which have impelled him to seek the office of the Ministry, and testimonials of good character and of good standing in the Church from his pastor, together with a recommendation from the President of the Conference in whose territory he resides and from two of his teachers in the Preparatory School or College.

- (c) Whenever possible all applicants shall appear in person before the Examining Committee, or its chairman, for personal examination. This examination shall have reference to the applicant's religious life, his motive for seeking the office of the Ministry, his acceptance of and adherence to the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, his need for aid and his disposition to do all in his power to maintain himself, his general habits, his prudence, his gifts for public speaking, his grade of scholarship and his willingness to observe the rules of the Synod.

(d) As soon as the Examining Committee has finally passed on an applicant it shall notify the Committee on Ministerial Education of that fact at once, submitting to it the documents which it has acquired in the case of each applicant.

(e) The faculties of the Seminary and of the college are to be urged to report to the Committee any characteristics of the applicant which in their judgment would interfere with his success in the Ministry.

(f) No applicant shall be approved who is not a member in good standing of some Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, who is unable to furnish a certificate to the effect that he possesses the requisite physical qualifications for efficiency and usefulness in the Ministry from a physician designated by the Examining Committee, and who is not sufficiently advanced in his studies to enter the Freshman Class in College.

(g) The personal examination shall be presented each year in the case of all applicants for aid, viz.: of those to whom aid has been granted in former years, as well as of those applying for the first time. The approval of an applicant on the ground of successful personal and physical examination shall be preliminary to any consideration of his scholastic standing.

(h) Each applicant shall be able to give evidence of intimate knowledge of the Bible and of Luther's Small Catechism; the Committee may demand to see the examination papers which the applicant submits to the faculty of the institution he is attending and shall also have submitted to it reports from the faculties of the Seminary and the college of the character, grade, progress and diligence of the applicant.

(i) No student shall be granted aid who fails to maintain a standing in his class satisfactory to the Committee on Ministerial Education.

(j) The Synod shall appropriate annually to the Committee on Ministerial Education a sum of money to be used for the aid of students. Congregations and individuals shall be encouraged to special efforts in behalf of needy students for the Ministry; contributions received by the Treasurer of the Synod and designated for this purpose, shall be held by him subject to the order of the Committee on Ministerial Education, in addition to the amount regularly appropriated.

(k) On the basis of the money thus placed at its disposal the Committee on Ministerial Education shall determine the number of students to be aided and the amount to be granted to each student. After the applicants have complied with the conditions prescribed, the Committee shall grant aid for one year to those who have successfully stood the required tests. If the number of applicants who have passed these tests successfully shall exceed the number previously fixed, then the Committee shall grant aid to those who have stood highest in the tests, preference being given to those who are nearest the completion of their studies, consideration also being made of the applicant's greater need for aid.

(l) In case the number of successful applicants shall fall below the number previously fixed by the Committee, the surplus money thus left at the disposal of the Committee shall be paid into a permanent fund of the

Synod, which shall be known as the "Education Fund", the principal of which shall be safely invested, and the interest placed at the disposal of the Committee on Ministerial Education. This fund may also receive moneys by gift or bequest from individuals and congregations.

(m) The return of moneys paid to beneficiary students shall be obligatory only upon those who do not complete their course of study for the Evangelical Lutheran Ministry, who do not receive ordination, or who leave the active work of the Ministry of the Lutheran Church before the completion of seven years of pastoral service. Beneficiaries who desire to return, in whole or in part, moneys advanced to them, shall be privileged to do so. All such money received by the Treasurer of the Synod shall be paid by him into the "Education Fund".

(n) The Treasurer of the Synod shall exact a bond of every student receiving aid from the Committee on Ministerial Education, covering the amount advanced to said student, the same to be returned to the student after he has served seven years in the Lutheran Ministry. In the event the student fails to complete his course of study for the Lutheran Ministry, or does not receive ordination at the hands of a Lutheran Synod or Ministerium, or leaves the active Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as provided in the Constitution, By-Laws, Article 22, the Treasurer of the Synod under the direction of the Committee on Ministerial Education shall proceed to collect the bond.

III. General Regulations.

(a) Students shall pursue their studies at Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., and at the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., and for such a period of time as the Committee on Ministerial Education may determine, and they shall pursue, except in extraordinary cases, the entire collegiate and theological course of study.

(b) No student shall relinquish his studies for a time, for any cause whatever, without the consent of the Committee on Ministerial Education. When such consent is obtained the Committee shall discontinue aid entirely or in part, according to the circumstances.

(c) Aid shall be discontinued when the health of the student is so impaired as to unfit him for study or for the work of the Ministry; when serious defects in his character are discovered; when he contracts debts without the previous consent of the Committee; and when by a change of circumstances he ceases to need aid.

(d) Every student receiving aid shall submit to and obey conscientiously the Rules and the Discipline of the institution which he is attending.

(e) Students receiving aid shall attend the services in a Lutheran Church in the place where they study, and as far as possible engage in the activities of the congregation.

(f) As the appropriations of the Committee necessarily fall short of the entire wants of the students, each student will be expected to make all proper efforts to assist in defraying the expenses of his education. No aid

shall be given during the vacation nor during an enforced or voluntary absence from the institution the student is attending.

(g) No student, receiving aid from the Committee, shall unite with, or continue membership in, any Society or Fraternity without the consent of the Committee.

(h) Exceptions to these Rules can be made only by a unanimous vote of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

(i) These Rules and Regulations shall be printed, and a copy sent to each student by the President of the Synod upon receipt of application for aid. Every applicant receiving aid shall pledge himself, over his own signature, to a submission to the above Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM
OF GEORGIA AND ADJACENT STATES

STUDENT'S BOND

I, _____, a beneficiary student of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States, so described in Article 22 of the By-Laws to the Constitution of said Synod, reading as follows:

"Any young man receiving aid from the Synod shall execute bonds to Synod to pay back in full with interest the amounts received by him in the event he should voluntarily abandon the active Ministry or the preparation thereto. Should he continue in the discharge of the duties of a Lutheran minister for a period of seven years his obligation shall be cancelled and his bond returned to him."

do hereby subscribe to the said rule and, furthermore, agree that the attached demand notes form a part of this bond and become due and payable in full at once, and I acknowledge that it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Synod to proceed to collect the attached notes in the event that I fail to complete my course of study for the Lutheran Ministry or do not receive ordination at the hands of a Lutheran Synod or Ministerium, or leave the active Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church before completing a service of seven years.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this _____
day of _____ 19_____.
(L. S.)

Witnesses:

STUDENT'S NOTE

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On demand after date I promise to pay to the order of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Georgia and Adjacent States according to the terms of the bond number _____, executed by me with the said Synod and Ministerium of Georgia and Adjacent States on _____ 19 _____ DOLLARS, at the office of the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Georgia and Adjacent States for value received, with interest from date at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, together with all costs of collection, including 10 per cent as attorney's fees, if collected by law or through an attorney at law.

Given under my hand and seal.

No. _____

(SEAL)

NOTE: Applicants for aid must fill in and return to the President of Synod before Also send (1) a brief sketch of your life; (2) a brief statement of your reasons for seeking the office of the Ministry; (3) letters of recommendation from (a) your pastor; (b) the President of the Conference in which you reside; and (c) two of your teachers (College or Preparatory).

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM
OF GEORGIA AND ADJACENT STATES
QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO APPLICANTS FOR
BENEFICIARY AID

Give your full name and present address.

Give the name of your parents and their residence; or, if deceased, of your guardian and his residence.

Give date and place of your birth..

When and by whom were you baptized?

When, where and by whom were you confirmed?

Of what congregation are you a member? Give your pastor's name.

Where do you receive Communion, and how often have you communed during the past year?

What have you done in Sunday School and in other forms of Church work?

Do you attend to Bible reading and prayer, daily? How much of the Bible have you read?

Do you hold to the Faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?
Have you had any secular employment recently? If so, what?
When did you first think of becoming a Minister?
What led to such thought?
What are your motives in yielding to the call to prepare for the Ministry?
Submit a certificate from your family physician as to your present state of health, and whether you are liable to any particular disease.
Are you married?
What preparatory schools or colleges have you attended?
What class in College or Theological Seminary do you expect to enter?
Have you a scholarship?
Are you a member of any college fraternity, or other secret society?
Have you read the Rules and Regulations of the Committee on Ministerial Education, and do you subscribe to them?
What is your indebtedness, to what extent and to whom?
Have you any means or resources with which to meet the expenses of your education? What is the ability of your parents or others to aid?
Did you work during the last summer? If so, at what?
Do you work on Saturdays, or are you earning money otherwise while at College or Seminary?
What is the amount of aid needed this year from the beneficiary fund of the Synod?
To be signed by applicant
Date of signature _____

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM
OF GEORGIA AND ADJACENT STATES

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF AID

Name:
Home Address:
School Address:
Class—College:
Seminary:

Has your work been interrupted during the year?
If so, what was the cause?
Has there been any improvement in your work?
In what studies?
Has there been any failure in your work?
If so, in what and why?
Outline your course so far as you are able to, for the coming year.
Are you taking, or planning to take, any work, additional to your College—Seminary course?

If so, what courses and how many hours and where?
Did you work last summer?
If so, at what?
Are you earning money while at school? How?
Have you any funds through which the Committee might be relieved of the necessity of giving aid either in whole or in part?
Have you any debts besides that to the Synod?
If so, how much, and to whom indebted?
Have you a scholarship?
What amount do you need for the present year from the Beneficiary Fund of the Synod?
Have you applied to any other source for aid?
Are you receiving aid from any other source?
Of what congregation are you a communicant member?
Do you maintain connection with this congregation? How?
Where do you regularly attend Divine Worship while at school?
Where do you commune? How often?
Do you attend to private devotions daily? Bible reading? Prayer?
Do you attend the daily Chapel service regularly?
What specific line of active Christian work are you interested and active in while at school? Answer this detail.

Signed by applicant _____

Date _____

NOTE: Applicants for aid must fill out carefully and mail to the President of the Synod before _____.

At eleven o'clock, in accordance with a motion which was passed during the Second Session, the various home mission pastors were given the privilege of reporting on their work. The following pastors responded:

The Revs. W. E. Pugh, St. Petersburg, Fla.; L. W. Strickler, Macon, Ga.; B. D. Wessinger, Lakeland, Fla.; W. A. Lutz, Brunswick, Ga.; C. M. Coffelt, Birmingham, Ala.; H. E. Henning, Cullman, Ala.; J. L. Yoncé, Hollywood, Fla.

Following these reports, the Third Session adjourned with prayer by the Rev. A. J. Bowers.

THE FOURTH SESSION

Thursday Afternoon, February 4, 1926, 1:30 P. M.

The Fourth Session was opened with prayer by the Rev. B. D. Wessinger.

Mr. H. E. Dreeson presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

Congregations in Synod	38
Congregations heard from	25
Congregations conducting Every-Member Canvass in November	12
Congregations conducting E. M. C. in other months	3
Congregations using Duplex Envelopes in Church	21
Congregations using Single Envelopes in Church	1
Congregations using Duplex Envelopes in Sunday School	4
Congregations using Single Envelopes in Sunday School	1
Brotherhoods reported	7
Brotherhoods where E. M. C. conducted	6
Members in Brotherhoods reported	303
Average number of members in each Brotherhood	43

The congregations at Lakeland, Macon, and Atlanta reported unusually successful canvasses. Lakeland reported its budget considerably oversubscribed.

The Committee recommends: (1) that the congregations of Synod be requested to report the results of the E. M. C. to the Statistical Secretary who in turn shall send them to the Stewardship Committee on appropriate form immediately following the canvass;

(2) That all congregations not conducting the annual E. M. C. and using Duplex Envelopes in both the church and the Sunday School be urged to give serious consideration thereto.

WM. B. AHLGREN, Chairman.
HENRY E. DREESON.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. A. J. Bowers was elected Fraternal Delegate to the South Carolina Synod.

The Rev. M. J. Epting and Mr. W. B. Spann were elected members of the Executive Committee by unanimous vote.

Synod instructed the Secretary to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for the following trustees:

Rev. M. J. Epting and Dr. C. Sancken, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.

Dr. A. D. Gnann, the Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.

Messrs. J. H. Paulsen and O. F. Fulmer were nominated Trustees to Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., with terms ending 1928 and 1929, respectively.

Rev. W. A. Reiser and Mr. H. T. Harris were nominated Trustees to Summerland College, Leesville, S. C., with terms ending 1928 and 1929, respectively.

Upon motion the President was given authority to appoint the Mission Committee.

The Rev. W. A. Reiser presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOYS' WORK

Your Committee on Boys' Work would take "this opportunity of very heartily commending the work of the Intermediate Committee of the Luther League of America." Your committee is of the opinion that special attention should be given the work of the Luther League, in order that the boys' work of the church in connection with it may be carried on in the most efficient manner.

We recommend:

That the Synod await formation of its policy in regard to Boys' Work and Luther League activities until the Executive Board of the U. L. C. has made its report upon "the advisability of merging the Committee of Work Among Boys' and the Committee on Associations of Young People". (Page 505 Minutes Chicago Convention U. L. C.) The report of the Executive Committee of the U. L. C. will be made at Richmond, Va., this year.

W. A. REISER.

The report was adopted.

The President presented the

REPORT ON ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

Your representative would report that the annual meeting of the stockholders was held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C., on January 26, 1926. As there was no quorum present in person, although there was by proxy, those present decided not to transact any business. The officers of last year will hold over until their successors are elected. These are:

Dr. J. L. Morgan, President.

Rev. P. D. Brown, Vice-president.

Mr. R. S. Habenicht, Secretary.

Mr. W. K. Mauney, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee consists of:

Mr. W. K. Mauney, F. S. Habenicht, and Louis M. Swink.

No proposition of an assembly grounds was presented to the board during the past year. The proposition of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., executor and trustee of the estate of J. Cicero Tise, deceased, relative to the Vade Mecum Springs property in Sauratown Mountains, of Northwest North Carolina, has not been acted on by the Assembly Grounds Corporation, awaiting action on the part of the Synod of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HOPPE, Synodical Representative.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. T. W. Shealy presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS

The following communications have been considered by your Committee:

1. A petition from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Daytona Beach, Florida, praying for admission into this Synod. The petition is accompanied by a duly issued and recorded charter, also by a constitution which is in harmony with the constitution of the Synod.

It is recommended that the petition be granted and the congregation received as a member of this Synod.

2. A copy of the deed to the four-acre lot in Columbia County, Florida.

It is recommended that the deed be referred to the Executive Committee for further investigation and placed in the archives of the Synod.

3. Correspondence in regard to beneficiary students in preparation for the Gospel ministry and the co-operation of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement in this work.

It is recommended that the action of the President of Synod in this matter be approved and that the correspondence be turned over to the Committee on Ministerial Education for future reference.

4. Copy of the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Orphan Home, Salem, Virginia.

It is recommended that the report be printed in the Minutes of Synod.

5. A communication from Rev. J. A. Morehead, Executive Director of the National Lutheran Council.

It is recommended that Synod accept the suggested quota and that a day be appointed for special offerings for the purpose.

6. A letter from Rev. Chas. J. Shealy, Secretary of the Synod of South Carolina, advising of the appointment of Rev. Chas. A. Phillips as the Fraternal Delegate from that body to our Synod.

It is recommended that the letter be read before Synod and that the Rev. Chas. A. Phillips be given the opportunity to convey the greetings of our sister Synod.

7. Report of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

It is recommended (a) that the report be printed in the Minutes of Synod; (b) that the congregations of Synod be urged to complete their subscriptions to the endowment fund of the Seminary as early as possible; (c) that Rev. W. H. Greever be asked to address the Synod in the interest of our Theological Seminary.

8. Report of the Board of the Lowman Home for the aged and helpless.

It is recommended that this report be printed in the Minutes of Synod.

9. Report of the Georgia Synod's trustees on the Board of the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary.

It is recommended that this report be made a part of the Minutes of Synod.

10. Communications from Hon. Jno. D. Cappleman, official representative of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the U. L. C. A., in which he sends cordial greetings and in which he urges that all men's Bible classes or other men's organizations enroll with the National Brotherhood.

It is recommended that this appeal be commended to the congregations of the Synod.

11. A letter from the pastor and congregation of the Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., giving the Synod a most cordial invitation to hold its 1927 convention with them.

12. Correspondence between the President of the Synod of South Carolina and the Synod of Georgia in which there is a telegram from the President of the South Carolina Synod to the President of the Georgia Synod announcing the appointment by the South Carolina Synod of an Educational Commission to study the college problem, and inviting the Georgia Synod to be represented in the meetings of the Commission. The President appointed Rev. W. A. Reiser to act as the commissioner from our Synod.

The report of Rev. W. A. Reiser is in the hands of your Committee, showing that two meeting of the Educational Commission have been held in Columbia, S. C., and another meeting called for Feb. 16, 1926.

Recommended:

a. That the action of the President of our Synod in appointing a commissioner in the interim be approved.

b. That representation from this Synod on the commission be continued.

15. A petition from St. James' Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Hollywood, Florida, praying admission into this Synod.

A constitution in harmony with the constitution of Synod and adopted by the congregation accompanies the petition.

It is recommended that this petition be granted and that the congregation be received as a member of this Synod.

Respectfully,

HENRY. E. DREESON.

M. J. EPTING,

T. W. SHEALY,

The report was received and considered item by item. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7a, 7b, 7c, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13 were adopted. Item 6 was received as information, the Rev. Chas. A. Phillips having addressed Synod during the Second Session. Item 11 was received as information.

Under Item 5, in adopting \$280.50 as the Georgia Synod's quota in the Lutheran World Service Program for 1926, Synod resolved to pay the amount not later than June 1, 1926.

In connection with the adoption of Item 12, the President of Synod reappointed the Rev. W. A. Reiser as the commissioner from the Georgia Synod.

Upon motion of the Rev. W. A. Reiser, the Secretary was instructed to print the Report of the Trustees of Newberry College and the Report of the Trustees of Summerland College in the Minutes of Synod. They appear below along with the reports from the other institutions.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE SOUTH, SALEM, VIRGINIA.

The Corporation and Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Orphan Home of the South, located at Salem, Virginia, submit herewith the following report:

We desire to acknowledge the continued direction and blessing of Almighty God. His watchful care has been over the children of the Home, and they have been kept free from sickness, pestilence and death.

OPERATION

At the annual meeting of the Board in June 1925, the following were elected as the officers and Executive Board of the Home:

Officers

Dr. J. Luther Sieber, President.

Dr. W. J. Finck, Vice-president.

Hon. R. W. Kime, Secretary and Treasurer.

Executive Committee

Dr. J. Luther Sieber, Roanoke, Virginia.
 Hon. R. W. Kime, Salem, Virginia.
 G. W. Tompkins, Roanoke, Virginia.
 C. Markley, Roanoke, Virginia.
 G. B. Morehead, Wytheville, Virginia.
 Hon. W. H. Beckerdite, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The following persons were engaged as the superintendents and teachers in the Home:

Superintendent—Geo. R. Santmiers.
 Physician—G. A. L. Kolmer, M. D.
 Matron—Mrs. L. B. Spracher.
 Chef—G. H. MacSherry.
 Teachers and Supervisors—Miss M. MacSherry, Mrs. Janie Bailey, Mrs. Cora Wheeler, Mrs. G. V. Ruhl, Mrs. John W. Howe, Mrs. Mable Hale.
 Farm Manager—J. S. Critselous.
 Office Secretary—Miss Imogen Santmiers.

At the time of the writing of this report, January 1, 1926, forty-three boys and forty-three girls were in the Home, divided among the Synods as follows:

Virginia Synod	44
North Carolina Synod	26
South Carolina Synod	10
Georgia Synod	5
Mississippi Synod	1

This makes a total of eighty-six in the Home.

The cost of operating the Home during the year was \$24,883.45, or an average per month of \$2,073.62. This monthly cost of operation includes the feeding and clothing of the children, the payment of salaries of the superintendent, teachers and supervisors, the providing of fuel, and of other necessary expenses in the operation of the institution. We believe that this operation expense is the very lowest possible. These expenses of maintaining the Home must be provided out of the offerings made by the churches and Sunday Schools for this purpose, and by special gifts made from time to time for the operation of the Home. With the erection of the new buildings, the expense of operation will naturally be increased, and it will be imperative that the Home receive a larger amount for current expenses. It is the belief of the Executive Board that the plan of voluntary offerings in Sunday Schools and churches from month to month is the best way of securing these funds, and we earnestly request that every Sunday School in the Georgia Synod set aside one Sunday each month for a special offering for maintaining the Orphan Home. We have confidence that if this is done, we will receive sufficient funds from month to month to care for the children. During the past year the offerings received for current expenses have not

maintained the Home, and it was necessary to secure these funds from other sources. The health of the children has been excellent, and the discipline has been good.

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

On January 1, 1926, \$170,207.72 had been subscribed in the Building Fund Campaign. This amount is divided among the Synods as follows:

Georgia		\$ 8,873.78
Mississippi		184.16
North Carolina		63,106.70
South Carolina		27,577.85
Virginia		70,465.23

On the same date there had been paid in on account \$88,407.83, divided among the Synods as follows:

Georgia		\$ 5,038.97
Mississippi		184.16
North Carolina		30,121.33
South Carolina		18,233.49
Virginia		34,829.88

The Campaign Committee feel that the campaign was a decided success, and desire to congratulate the Georgia Synod on its splendid contribution to this most important work of the Church. In addition to the amounts subscribed in the Building Fund, there will be available for building purposes approximately \$30,000.00. This will just about enable us to complete our plant.

Following are the subscriptions and payments of the congregations of the Georgia Synod:

Congregation	Subscription	Paid	Paid	Balance
		(in 1925)	(in 1926)	
Redeemer, Atlanta	\$ 155.00	\$ 61.29	\$ 5.00	\$ 88.71
Resurrection, Augusta	75.00	75.00		
Holy Trinity, Springfield	101.00	101.00		
Wingard Memorial, Springfield	83.50	30.50	17.00	36.00
Bethel, Springfield	92.00	92.00		
Laurel Hill, Springfield	44.50	44.50		
Christ, Birmingham	66.95	66.95		
St. Mark's, DeSoto City	59.00	59.00		
Jerusalem, Rincon	172.33	172.33		
Grace, Rincon	7.25	7.25		
St. Philip's, Senoia	201.50	184.00	12.00	5.50
Mt. Pilgrim, Senoia	111.75	81.75	7.00	23.00
St. John's, Jacksonville	800.00	150.00	243.00	407.00
Grace, Lakeland	45.00	15.40		29.60

St. Andrew's, Plains	244.00	177.20	20.00	46.80
Ascension, Savannah	4,446.33	2,559.63	845.00	1,041.70
St. Paul's, Savannah	1,650.33	892.83	10.00	747.50
Reformation, Savannah	183.34	183.24		
Trinity, St. Petersburg	300.00	50.00		250.00
Zion, Effingham Co.	35.00	35.00		
	\$8,873.78	\$5,038.97	\$1,159.00	\$2,675.81

Because of the delapidated condition of the furnishings in the old Home, it will be necessary to provide almost all new furnishings for the new buildings. These furnishings should be of the most modern design, and prepared for institutions of this kind. This will mean a considerable expenditure of money, and will give an opportunity for congregations to render valuable assistance.

NEW BUILDINGS

Plans and specifications for the new buildings were given to six of the leading contractors and builders of Roanoke and Lynchburg. Upon opening the bids, the contract was awarded to T. J. Davis, of Roanoke, his bid being about \$13,000.00 lower than the next lowest bid. According to the contract the cost of erecting the administration building and four dormitories and a central heating plant will be \$177,450.00. This is well within the estimate of \$180,000.00, which was made at a meeting of the Board by the Chairman of the Building Committee. The above bid does not include wiring and light fixtures, and interior furnishings.

The administration building is 100 feet by 40 feet. It will include offices for the administration of the Home, reception room, school rooms, an apartment for the Superintendent, and living rooms for the school teachers. It will also include a well equipped dining room, kitchen, store rooms, and laundry. It will be built of colonial brick. The building will face Twelve O'clock Knob, one of the famous outlooks of Virginia. The other side of the building will face a court, around which the dormitory buildings will be erected.

There will be four dormitories. One will be known as the "Crabtree Cottage", and another as the "McClanahan Cottage". The two others are still to be named. Each of the four cottages will be 70 feet by 40 feet. On the first floor will be a reading room, play room, porches and office. On the second floor will be the matron's suite, dormitories, sleeping rooms and dressing rooms. There will be dormitory rooms accommodating 10 to 15. In the buildings for the older pupils, there will be sleeping room accommodating about three. This will give the older pupils more privacy. In the basement of the buildings there will be a large play room, storage room, laundry, wash room, and bath room with showers. These buildings will be built in colonial style, and in the same type of colonial brick as used in the administration building. Everything that goes into the buildings will be of the best material obtainable, and the buildings will be of a durable and

permanent nature. The buildings will be heated by a central heating plant of the latest and most approved type. The buildings will stand in a grove of oak trees, and when completed, will be one of the finest groups of buildings found in any institution of the South. It is the desire of the Building Committee to build large enough and permanently enough to meet the needs of our Southern orphans for all times.

The cornerstone of the administration building was laid with appropriate service on October 27, 1925. The work on the buildings is progressing splendidly, and it is hoped that the buildings will be completed sometime during the early summer. It is the desire of the Executive Committee that the dedication of the buildings take place following the convention of the United Lutheran Church in Richmond this fall. It would be the purpose of the Executive Committee to arrange for a special train to bring as many of the delegation as care to come from Richmond to Salem. This plan would enable many of the representatives of the church to attend without involving much extra expense. The Committee desire the endorsement of the Synod in this respect.

Respectfully submitted,

J. LUTHER SIEBER, *President of the Board.*

THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SOUTHERN SEMINARY

The attached copy of the report prepared by Dr. W. H. Greever, Executive Secretary of the Seminary, is complete in its presentation of the status and needs of the Seminary; therefore, instead of a report prepared by one less familiar with the details of the situation the report of the Executive Secretary is offered. This violates no propriety since the report was furnished the printer for use in the Bulletin of the United Synod of North Carolina and a copy sent to other synods within the territory of the Seminary.

It is deemed advisable to add that on January 12, 1926, at a special meeting of the Board, called chiefly to consider the question of increased dormitory accommodations, the following was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the trustees of this Seminary, in order to meet the urgent need of more room occasioned by the gratifying growth of our Institution, erect an adequate administration building on these grounds of material and architecture to be in harmony with the present main building, to cost approximatley \$40,000.00 and be ready for use at the opening of the next session, and that necessary changes be made in the interior of the present main building; and, further that necessary arrangements be made by this meeting for carrying this resolution into effect."

For the carrying out of the foregoing the following was adopted:

"Moved by Dr. Steck: That the President appoint a committee of five to have charge of all matters, financial and practical, looking to the construction of the administration building which it has been determined by the Board to erect upon our campus. This committee shall have authority to begin work upon the proposed building only after the approval of the Executive Committee has been given. The said committee shall submit a report covering its work to the Board at its annual meeting in May."

(Committee: Dr. Grever, Mr. P. J. Price, Mr. Alworden, Mr. C. I. Cromer, and Treasurer F. Wm. Cappelmann.)

The following resolution also was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Board of trustees of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, direct the Treasurer of the Seminary not to lend any moneys of the Seminary to any members of the faculty, members of the Board or to any business enterprise in which they may be interested; and we direct the President of the Board to appoint a committee to formulate loan rules, the same to be submitted at the May meeting of 1926."

(Committee of one appointed, Rev. B. A. Barringer, Liberty, N. C.)

Respectfully,

M. J. EPTING,
Vice-president, Acting President.

REPORT ON SOUTHERN LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

It is most gratifying to be able to report to you that the work of your Theological Seminary is progressing with an encouragement which is truly inspiring. The health, happiness and spirit of the students are evidences of the divine favor. The earnestness, faithfulness and efficiency of the professors are grounds for assurance and satisfaction on the part of the church served by the Seminary. The increasing interest in the Seminary arising from a growing appreciation of its essential value, on the part of our people is the guarantee of continued and enlarged service by the Seminary.

Due to two recent changes in the officers of the Board formal and detailed reports are not available, but accurate information is submitted for your consideration. These two changes are—the resignation of Dr. C. A. Freed from the presidency of the Board on account of removal to the Virginia Synod, and thereby ceasing to be a member of the Board from the South Carolina Synod; and the resignation of Hon. C. M. Efird, as treasurer, on account of inability to longer give the time and strength required by that office.

1. Dr. M. J. Epting, of Savannah, Georgia, vice-president of the Board, assumed the duties of president, upon the resignation of Dr. Freed, and Mr.

W. F. Cappelmann, of Columbia, S. C., was elected to succeed Hon. C. M. Efird, as treasurer.

2. With the installation of the new treasurer the Board elected a finance committee to pass upon and authorize all loans of endowment or investment funds of the Seminary, with instructions to accept none but the safest and best accredited securities.

3. Due to the recent increase of the salaries of the professors, and to increased cost of all operations, and to decreased income on account of lowered rates of interest on invested endowment, there is an accumulated deficit in the running expenses of the Seminary which now amounts to something in excess of seven thousand dollars, and is increasing daily.

4. Due to the necessity for repairs, furnishings and changes in buildings, especially changes in the heating plant, the Board was compelled to borrow approximately seven thousand dollars last year for the buildings, which it did in anticipation of responses to the present appeal for a special building fund.

5. The Board has filed an application with the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church for an additional appropriation of \$2,500.00 a year for two years from that Board to help to meet the current operating deficit. No action on this request has been taken.

6. The appeal to the churches in the South, authorized by the Board and approved by all of the Synods in the South, for \$50,000 for building purposes, and \$250,000 for additional endowment, has been presented to nearly all of the congregation, in person by the Executive Secretary, since March 1st, of this year, with most encouraging results. It is expected that all subscriptions will be in hand within the next few weeks, and that the total subscribed will approach the amount asked, with assurance that the whole amount will be secured before the appeal is closed.

7. The number of students enrolled for the present session is thirty-three, the same number as for the preceding year, with the Synods represented as follows: North Carolina, 18; Virginia, 3; South Carolina, 9; Georgia, 2; Mississippi, 0, and one from Japan, a total of 33. These students are classified as follows: Seniors, 9; Middlers, 16, and Juniors, 10. The prospect for a large class of Juniors in 1926 is most encouraging.

In view of the pressing need for more men for the ministry you are most earnestly implored to have this matter brought forcibly and continuously to the attention of your people that the whole church may together obey the command of the Lord to pray that laborers may be sent into the harvest.

In view of the imperative need for the space now used by the library, for additional dormitory accommodations, and a corresponding need by the library for a suitable permanent building for its exclusive use, you are asked to secure all possible support to the present appeal for the \$50,000 building fund; and in view of the distressing need for adequate support for the operation of the Seminary in increased efficiency you are likewise asked to give

the best possible support to the present appeal for \$250,000 increase of the Endowment fund.

You will, under your own order, provide for your representatives in the Board, but it is requested that at your will you will give the official representative of the Seminary the opportunity to appear before your body, and that in that connection you will call for statements from your present Board members.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER, *Executive Secretary.*

By special request of the acting President of the Board.

REPORT OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD'S TRUSTEE ON THE BOARD OF THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SOUTHERN SEMINARY

We attended the meetings of the Board, except when providentially prevented, and are pleased to testify to the faithful and efficient work of the faculty and the evidence manifesting the diligent studiousness of the students, also the deep interest of the members of the Board.

We, with the entire membership of the Board, are convinced of the need of an additional full-time professor, better facilities and enlarged accommodations. Perhaps the most important need, looking to the future, is increased income to insure more adequate salaries for the professors and more prompt payments on salaries and obligations of other kinds.

In compliance with the call of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church, we recommend that the Synod urge its pastors and congregations to engage in prayer for colleges, universities, etc., including theological seminaries, on Sunday, February 28, 1926.

Matters pertaining to our Seminary will be brought to the attention of the Synod through other channels.

The Executive Secretary of the Seminary doubtless will be present during this Convention and present the work of the campaign for \$300,000 and other important matters in his own clear and forcible manner.

Respectfully,

M. J. EPTING.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE LOWMAN HOME FOR THE AGED AND HELPLESS

Since the 1924 meeting of the United Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, the Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless has continued its service to the afflicted with increased efficiency and appreciation. It has cared for seventeen (17) persons representing all classes, and both sexes, from the young to the very aged. It has had those who have become disabled by age and by disease, by epilepsy and arrested mental development, and those

with deformities by birth. There have been three deaths in the Home, and two persons have withdrawn from our care, for reasons mutually satisfactory.

The organization has been improved, especially by the devoted and intelligent service of Sister Eva. Many problems have been solved in management, so that we can confidently assert that we are now ready to give proper service on a much larger scale.

The organization for the improvement and operation of the farm is now on an efficiency basis, and the farm is prepared to give greater support than ever before.

The support of the Home by the Church has been very meager, even the response of the Sunday Schools showing no general attention to the resolutions previously passed by your Synod asking them for at least one annual contribution for this worthy cause. We ask that that resolution be reenacted, and emphasized.

The Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church urges self-support by the Synods in the South, and is reluctant to recommend further appropriations by the United Lutheran Church. This makes it imperative that our churches in the South place this institution in their programs.

The great need of the Home is more space and better facilities. We ask that you give approval to purpose of our Board to secure funds for the erection of the first unit of permanent buildings, as we desire it to be described by the Superintendent in person on the floor of the Synod. The farm, gardens, orchards, and poultry yards will furnish most of the food needed, and some support for other current expenses, but cannot be depended upon to provide profit for the erection of permanent buildings, and the salaries of trained help. That must be done through contributions from our churches.

The Board records its recognition of the death of Dr. W. P. Cline, the former Superintendent, and refers to its previous expressions of appreciation of his services.

The Board commends those in immediate charge of the work of the Home and testifies to their faithfulness and efficiency, with special reference to the Superintendent, Mr. C. E. Hotinger.

The following financial statements are submitted as information concerning the sources and use of the funds.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER, *President.*

Financial Statement of Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C., as of June 30th,
1925:

ASSETS

Real Estate Owned	\$25,856.00
Buildings	15,000.00

Equipment:

Implements and Machinery	4,329.93
Furniture and Office Fixtures	2,285.14
Livestock	1,127.00
Poultry	500.00
Warehouse Stock	40.00
Chattel Mortgages	148.64
Petty Cash	100.00
Cash:	
National Loan & Exchange Bank	33.97
Cola. Sav. Bank & Trust Co.	277.94
	\$49,698.62

LIABILITIES

Notes payable:

Mrs. R. C. Holland	\$ 850.00
Mrs. W. P. Cline	1,551.57
Rev. W. P. Cline	1,000.00
Rev. C. W. Cassel	500.00
Mrs. R. M. Lowman	193.38
Jas. Cansler	2,044.47
Minnie Trimble	500.00
C. E. Hotinger	820.00
Bills payable	511.93
Total liabilities	\$ 7,971.35
Excess assets over liabilities	41,727.27
	\$49,698.62

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, July 31, 1924	\$ 337.16
Donations and miscellaneous gifts various sources	1,212.25
Women's Missionary Society, S. C. Synod	315.69
Light Brigade, S. C. Synod	45.00
Payments on board	265.00
Loan from Hatchery	100.00
Donated from Virginia Synod	237.31
Donated from S. C. Synod	671.74
Donated from Georgia Synod	243.01
Donated from N. C. Synod	273.76
Farm products sold	1,154.51
United Lutheran Church	3,101.27
	\$ 7,956.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 1,707.35
Paid on notes	680.45
Interest and insurance	618.78
Traveling expenses	173.91
Livestock bought	12.00
Furniture and fixtures	168.00
Equipment	150.00
Home Expense:	
To C. E. Hotinger, petty cash	\$ 2,142.88
Other expenses	2,025.39
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Cash on hand	4,168.27
	—————
	277.94
	—————
	\$ 7,956.70

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. DUNCAN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 8, the officers were elected.

REPORTS OF PRESIDENT AND TREASURER

The annual report of President Derrick to the Board of Trustees, and that of Prof. James C. Kinard, as treasurer of the faculty, are attached to this report as part of it. Both were adopted by the Board.

REPORTS OF ENDOWMENT TREASURERS

The reports of Dr. Jacob S. Wheeler, Treasurer of the Bachman Endowment Fund; Henry C. Holloway, Treasurer of the General Endowment Fund, and James B. Hunter, Treasurer of the Semi-Centennial Endowment Fund, having been duly audited, were adopted by the Board. It appears that the funds are safely invested. But the Board appointed a committee to report upon the advisability of investing the funds otherwise than in real estate.

The Treasurers were reelected. The matter of consolidating the funds was postponed. The total amount is substantially as reported last year. (Minutes of 1924, p. 35.)

PRESENT ENROLLMENT

The enrollment of students for the current session is: Seniors, 51; Juniors, 53; Sophomores, 65; Freshmen, 107; Sub-Freshmen, 21. This exceeds the total enrollment of the preceding year by 20 students.

OUR NEEDS AND OUR FUTURE

Your attention is especially directed to that part of President Derrick's report relating to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges. Pursuant to the suggestion made by Presidents Derrick and Morgan and to the several actions of the two Boards of Trustees, a joint meeting of the Boards of Trustees of Newberry College, and Summerland College was held in Columbia November 27, 1925, to consider the welfare of our colleges. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That the Synod at the next convention be requested to appoint a commission to study the college situation and report to Synod such recommendations as the commission deems necessary to safeguard our colleges and the cause of Christian education in our Synod."

NEED OF ENDOWMENT IMPERATIVE

The college has a capable and devoted faculty, and it has been rendering a service to church and state of incalculable value, out of all proportion to its physical equipment. But, in order to maintain its standing among the colleges of the state, the need of an endowment of at least \$500,000.00 is imperative.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER, *President*,
Board of Trustees, Newberry College.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF SUMMERLAND COLLEGE

Total enrollment at the end of first term, November 28, 1925:

Classes—Seniors 28, Juniors 21, Sophomore 37, Freshman 53, Sub-Fresh 7, Special 4.

Localities—Georgia 6 (1 last year), South Carolina 143, Virginia 1.

Denomination—Lutheran 107, Baptist 23, Methodist 14, Presbyterian 2, Christian 1, Non-members 3.

FACULTY

Rev. F. Grover Morgan, President, Education.

Mrs. Mattie C. Kneece, Mathematics.

Irene B. Palmer, History.

Mrs. Alice Cooner, Expression.

Blanche H. Finke, Piano.

Mrs. Lula Shealy, Violin.

Verta E. Ballentine, Preparatory.

Helene Landsberg, Modern Language.

Pearl Setzer, English.

Josephine Wright, Voice and Chorus.

Rev. C. I. Morgan, Treasurer, Bible.

Josephine Copeland, Nurse and Housekeeper.

Mrs. I. H. Evans, Matron.

This is the largest enrollment in the history of the college, and the student mortality rate is low, fewer dropping out than last year.

Fire destroyed the old main building on December 28, but college opened only eight days late, after remodeling an old skating rink building into faculty apartments and dining hall. The library was transferred to the parlor floor of the dormitory. The class room building was saved, and all equipment, practically, from the burned building, with minor exceptions. The insurance allowed was \$14,000.00. The Board of Trustees met two days after the fire, decided at once to "carry on", appointed a committee to remodel the dining hall, and another to secure sketches and cost on a new building. Rev. W. A. Reiser is chairman of this committee, and is giving splendid service, as he does in all work of the Board, being a member of the Standing committee.

The Boards of Newberry and Summerland Colleges met in joint session on November 28, 1925, and after a very harmonious meeting passed the following resolution:

"That Synod be requested to appoint a Commission to study the educational problem of Synod and report such recommendations as it deems wise." This looks toward a merger of the two colleges into one corporate unit, though retaining separate physical existence. We are looking toward full standardization, and membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Accredited Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. GNANN.

The Rev. W. A. Reiser presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Paragraph 2b of Standing Resolutions of Synod calls for appointment of a Committee on Necrology. Has this Committee been appointed?
2. Your Committee inquires whether Paragraph 7a of Standing Resolutions is being complied with?
3. The Committee finds no other matters in the minutes of last meeting of Synod which have not been brought before Synod.

W. A. REISER,
C. M. COFFELT.

In response to the first question, Synod ordered that paragraph stricken from the Standing Resolutions.

In response to the second question, Synod answered "In part." The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. W. H. Hiller presented the
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

The Committee on Conferences submits the following report:

The Ebenezer Conference held one meeting last summer and a successful Bible School in connection therewith. The Conference contributed thirty dollars to the Seminary.

The Florida Conference held one meeting July 16-17 at St. Augustine, at which representatives from the Augustana Synod were present. The Conference will meet in the spring at Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla., and a committee has been appointed to arrange for a workers meeting as a part of the Conference program.

W. H. HILLER,
B. S. DASHER,
J. T. CLARKE.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. W. A. Reiser presented the
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

Letters have been received from the following brethren expressing deep regret in their inability to attend Synod and asking to be excused:

Rev. M. J. Epting.
Rev. John Hall.
Rev. E. C. Witt.
Rev. G. A. Stoudemayer.

Your committee recommends that they be excused.

Although no word has been received from the Rev. Paul Counts, missionary in Africa, the committee recommends that he be excused.

J. L. YONCE,
H. E. HENNING,
J. C. RAABE.

The report was adopted.

By direction of the President, the name of Rev. J. C. Miller is added to list of excused ministers. He was taken ill too late to notify Synod, his excuse having reached the President after the adjournment.

The Rev. E. B. Keisler presented the

REPORT OF THE FIELD MISSIONARY

The work of the Field Missionary has been confined chiefly to two points—St. Augustine and Daytona Beach, Florida.

Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Augustine, has some substantial progress to report within the past year. The congregation now owns a suitable corner lot, 67½ by 108. The price is \$10,500.00. The number of members now on roll is 25. Two were lost during the year, one by death and the other by dismissal. The average attendance has been about 27. The highest enrollment of the Sunday School was 33, with an average attendance of 17. The Lutheran goes into every home with two exceptions. The Ladies Aid, with about eight members, is doing splendid work.

A congregation was organized at Daytona Beach on Easter Sunday night. It was given the name of "The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection". The General Superintendent preached the sermon as well as rendered other valuable service. The charter membership was 14. Five have been added since. One has been dismissed. The average attendance has been about 23. A Sunday School was organized on the first Sunday in October. It is doing creditable work. Also a Ladies' Aid has been organized. This organization, too, is an asset to the work. A most desirable corner lot, 60 by 100, has been purchased for \$12,500.00. The sincere thanks of the Field Missionary are hereby expressed to all who have rendered material assistance and otherwise aided in his work.

Activities—Sermons preached, 95. Week-day addresses delivered, 22. Baptisms administered, 7. Calls made, 1,198. Catechumens taught, 12.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. KEISLER, *Field Missionary.*

The report was adopted.

The Rev. F. L. Lineberger presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved: that by unanimous vote we express to Pastor B. D. Wessinger and to his faithful people, our heartfelt appreciation for their cordial hospitality, and for the splendid and generous manner in which they entertained Synod in Lakeland, and that we pray God's blessing upon them, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the pastor and the congregation through the church council, and that a copy be sent to the Methodist church by whose courtesy we had the privilege of enjoying their church rooms.

2. Resolved, that Synod by unanimous vote express our thanks to the newspapers of Lakeland for their generous work in behalf of the meeting of Synod and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the papers.

3. Resolved: That the Executive Committee see that the janitors are compensated for their services.

REV. F. L. LINEBERGER,
FRED W. ANSCHUETZ,
G. H. WEBER.

The report was adopted seriatum and as a whole.

Upon motion Synod abolished the following Standing Committees: The Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief, the Committee on Boys' Work and the Inner Mission Committee.

The President read the appointments to the Standing Committees as they appear below:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee*—The officers of Synod and Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D., and Mr. W. B. Spann.
2. *Mission Committee*—The President of Synod, Revs. T. W. Shealy, M. J. Epting, D. D., F. L. Lineberger, and Messrs. H. L. Seckinger, Rincon, Ga., and J. H. Quint, 402 E. 44th St., Savannah, Ga.
3. *Examining Committee*
Revs. M. J. Epting and T. W. Shealy..... Terms ending 1927
Revs. W. E. Pugh and B. D. Wessinger..... Terms ending 1928
Revs. W. A. Reiser and C. P. MacLaughlin..... Terms ending 1929
4. *Committee on Ministerial Education*—The President of Synod and Revs. A. J. Bowers and W. A. Reiser, and Messrs. H. A. Reiser, Springfield, Ga., and C. Bowers Gnann, Clyo, Ga.
5. *Committee on Stewardship*—Mr. W. B. Ahlgren, 52 Colquitt Ave., Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. C. Sancken, 1527 Monte Sano Ave., Augusta, Ga.; and Mr. H. E. Dreeson, 108 East 44th Street, Savannah, Ga.
6. *Publicity Committee*—Charles E. Donnelly, 216 W. 36th St., Savannah, Ga., chairman; Charles H. Stieglitz, 277 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga.; W. M. Lester, 6th Floor, Southern Finance Building, Augusta, Ga.; J. S. Buck, 122 E. 16th St., Jacksonville, Fla.; and J. Everton Hartman, care of The Independent, St. Petersburg, Fla.
7. *Statistician*—Rev. H. E. Henning, Cullman, Ala.
8. *Committee on Evangelism*—Rev. W. A. Reiser.
9. *Committee of One on Summer Assembly Grounds*—The President of Synod.

Subsequent to the adjournment of Synod, the President appointed Rev. L. W. Strickler a committee of one on Work Among Young People.

The Minutes of the Fourth Session were read and adopted.

The Synod adjourned, and the 66th Annual Convention was closed by the President with the use of the Form in the Common Service Book for the Closing of Synods.

L. W. STRICKLER, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF GEORGIA AND ADJACENT STATES—1925

PARISH		CONGREGATION		MEMBERSHIP		ACCESSIONS	LOSSES	CHURCH	SCHOOLS	Students						
						Child'n	Adult	Child'	Adult	Church	Pres.	Sunday	Weekday			
Index	Number	When Organized		Baptized	Confirmed	Communions	Baptism	Otherwise	Confraternal	Ceritificate	Deatb	Ceritificate	Deatb	Otherwise	Otherwise	
1	Atlanta	1903 C. P. MacLaughlin	1	578	267	18	12	4	34	5	1	512	4	40	25	2
2	Augusta	1921 W. A. Reiset	1	694	465	300	14	3	14	13	5	82	4	37	204	6
3	Bethel	1872 T. W. Shealy	1	144	130	75	2	4	4	1	1	50	1	45	1	6
4	Bethel	Wingard Memorial	1	34	29	20						1	1	11	108	7
5	Bethel	Holy Trinity	1	84	77	50						1	1	7	38	
6	Bethel	Laurel Hill	1	125	95	65	2					1	1	7	81	
7	Bethel	Bethlehem	1	132	88	88	1	35	1	13	1	1	1	1	107	1
8	Birmingham	Christ	1	142	104	92	3	5	1	14	1	2	13	10	91	
9	Brunswick	St. James	1	78	40	47	4	4	5	4	1	3	9	6	67	
10	Broadhurst	St. John's	1	115	89	5	2					1	1	5	34	
11	Cullinan	Christ	1	162	115	89	5					1	1	5	80	
12	DeSoto Mission	St. Mark's	1	25	20	16						1	1	5	16	
13	DeSoto Mission	Trinity	1	25	20	20						1	1	5	16	
14	DeSoto Mission	St. Paul's	1	34	26	20						1	1	5	16	
15	Ebenezer	St. John's	1	78	58	39	1					1	1	5	16	
16	Ebenezer	Jerusalem	1	260	161	130						1	1	5	16	
17	Ebenezer	Grace	1	39	36	35						1	1	5	16	
18	Haralson-Senoia	St. Philip's	1	191	131	83	32	32	25		4	6	12	5	17	
19	Haralson-Senoia	Mt. Pilgrim	1	1841	130	83	53	40	37		1	14	10	6	36	
20	Jacksonville	St. John's	1	1879	1258	1252	129					1	1	2	26	5
21	Lakeland	Grace	1	1909	B. D. Wessinger	101	86	1	8	2	20	5	2	24	1	1
22	Macon	Redeemer	1	1914	W. Strickler	137	28	6	18	5	13	1	1	9	85	
23	Muscadine	St. Michael's	1	1870	Vacant	25	13			1	3	1	8	18	6	
24	Oglethorpe	Mt. Zion	1	52	52	26						1	1	1	107	15
25	Oglethorpe	St. John's	1	65	58	32						1	1	1	107	15
26	Oglethorpe	St. Luke's	1	1911	Vacant	37	19									
27	Plains	St. Andrew's	1	1907	Vacant	81	67	59								
28	Plains	St. Mark's	1	1870	Vacant	104	69									
29	Plains	St. Paul's	1	1885	Vacant	28	18	14								
30	Savannah	Ascension	1	1586	C. F. W. Hoppe	828	673	21	23	11	4	71	22	18	104	175
31	Savannah	St. Paul's	1	1895	M. J. Epting	994	648	300	16	5	15	13	2	12	110	75
32	Savannah	Reformation	1	140	90	80	7	8	1	1	1	3	6	1	17	85
33	S. Petersburg	Trinity	1	361	251	228	14	17	11	14	30	19	2	1	5	75
34	Weirsdale	St. John's	1	1923	Vacant	70	26	35								
35	Zion	Zion	1	1872	F. L. Lineberger	200	112	112	5			1	65	50	4	1
36	Zion	Miller's Chapel	1	1888	F. L. Lineberger	68	26	26				10	24	10	50	
37	Zion	Mt. Olivet	1	1919	F. L. Lineberger	40	21	21				10	25	2	6	
38	S. Augustine	Memorial	1	1924	E. B. Keister	14	14	7				10	25	2	6	
39	Daytona		1													
40	Hollywood		1925													

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF GEORGIA AND ADJACENT STATES, 1925—(Concluded)

1. *U.S. Steel* (Production 1022) *a and *b Taken from *Transvaal's* Report

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION

Tuesday, February 2, 1926, 11:45 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President and opened with prayer by the Rev. F. L. Lineberger.

The Rev. W. E. Pugh presented the

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

The Examining Committee reports:

I. Favorable action on the following applications for membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Georgia and the Adjacent States from the constituent synods of the United Lutheran Church in America, upon letter of dismission:

1. Rev. A. J. Bowers, D.D., from the Synod of South Carolina, March 24, 1925.
2. Rev. J. C. Miller, from the Synod of Virginia, May 21, 1925.
3. Rev. Charles P. MacLaughlin, D. D., from the Synod of Pittsburg, July 16, 1925.
4. Rev. J. C. Wessinger, from the Synod of South Carolina, September 21, 1925.

II. Favorable action on the following applications for continuance of the beneficiary relation and financial support:

1. Mr. W. H. Lefstead, student, middle class, in our Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.
2. Mr. Fulton B. Counts, student, middle class, in our Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.
3. Mr. Cecil C. Helmly, student, sophomore class, Newberry College.
4. Mr. Edwin D. Zeigler, student, sophomore class, Newberry College.

III. Favorable action on application from Mr. Oliver M. Morgan for beneficiary relation and financial support. The applicant is in the freshman class, Newberry College.

Information: Attached to the applications under II and III are health certificates from physicians designated by the committee through its chairman.

The action of the Committee was communicated to the Committee on Ministerial Education through the President of the Synod.

After investigating the cost per session at the Seminary and the College your Committee recommended to the Committee on Ministerial Education aid up to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per scholastic year.

Respectfully,

M. J. EPTING, Chairman,

W. E. PUGH,

L. W. STRICKLER.

The report was adopted seriatum, and as a whole, after which the Ministerial Session adjourned.

L. W. STRICKLER, *Secretary.*

Proceedings
OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
SYNOD OF GEORGIA AND ADJACENT STATES



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Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Mrs. Carl H. Stelling, Washington
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Young Women's, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Miss Mary Harms, 304 West
36th St.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Lakeland, Florida,
February 3, 1926, 9:30 A. M.

The Twelfth Annual Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States was formally opened by the President, Miss Lottie Lang, and the devotional service was conducted by Mrs. H. C. Bell.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss Lalla McGraw, Mrs. W. H. Hiller was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. P. G. Klingler, of Grace Church, Lakeland. Response was made by Mrs. A. D. Gnann, of Rincon, Georgia.

Mrs. C. E. Weltner, first President of the society, organized twelve years ago in Augusta, gave an address and summary of the organization. A letter of greeting from Miss Amelia Kemp, Executive Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church, was read, and Mrs. Bell brought greetings from Mrs. Sidney Kepner, President of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church.

Credentials of delegates were next received.

Five new Light Brigade Societies were reported by Mrs. W. E. Pugh, also one Woman's Society in Bethlehem congregation at Lake City. The President read her report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Friends and co-workers of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States:

Through the providence of Almighty God, we are permitted to witness the passing of another year into history. As Missionary women we are deeply concerned about the growth of the Kingdom of God on earth. Our purpose in being together today in this, our twelfth annual convention is to review the work that has been done and to plan larger things for the year that lies before us.

If there has been failures or mistakes during the past year, they should serve to render such mistakes less liable in the future. The experience gained should be utilized in making the new year more successful.

It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to meet in the great State of Florida with its broad expansions and many opportunities and because of its wonderful growth we are justified in believing that here a great future awaits our beloved church and all the missionary activities, especially are we glad for the opportunity to visit and worship in one of our Home Mission Churches. We rejoice with the Lutherans of Lakeland in their lovely church building and we look forward to the time when our beloved church will be solidly planted in the city of Lakeland.

Through information received from our church papers, especially our magazines we rejoice and lift our hearts in thanksgiving for the progress of our united efforts. From the report of the General Statistical Secretary, ending July 31st, 1925, we now have 1,831 Women's Societies, 377 Young Women Societies, 992 Light Brigades, with a total active membership of 96,359. Our statistical secretary emphasizes a steady increase in membership with a goal of 100,000 members for the 1924-26 biennium. I hope the Missionary Societies of Georgia and Adjacent States will see the necessity for an increase in membership and will do its best in reaching its goal of 100,000 members.

In the mission fields both at home and abroad we note with joy there has been increase and progress.

Here in our own territory I am glad to report, our course has been onward. During the past year three women's societies have been organized at St. Augustine, Fla., at Marlow, Ga., a second group of missionary women at Jacksonville, Fla., one young women's society at Savannah, Ga., and one Light Brigade in the Ebenezer Parish. I am hoping to hear at this meeting of other missionary organizations in the new congregations that have recently been organized in Florida.

Owing to the wide territory and the far distance that separates our officers, it was impossible to hold an executive meeting this past year. Your President through correspondence tried to keep the societies informed as to what was expected of them. Three times during the year letters were sent to the presidents of all societies calling attention to the work the General Society is counting upon us to do.

Just after the meeting held in Jacksonville, your president was forced to make two changes in the department secretaries, Mrs. H. M. Fisher resigned the office of Light Brigade Superintendent. Miss Kate Ruth Johnson, of Atlanta, was appointed to take her place. Mrs. W. B. Clark resigned the office of Thank Offering Secretary, and Miss Annie Tietjen, of Savannah, was appointed to fill this office.

The three outstanding things to be completed before the 1924-26 biennium is:

(I) The building of the Southern Mountain School at Konnarock, Va. To build this school a sum of \$60,000 must be raised. The plan adopted is the sale of 6,000 shares at \$10.00 a share, and in order to secure

the fund, the Synodical territory was divided into districts, a chairman appointed for each district. Georgia and Adjacent States is in the South Atlantic District, with Mrs. W. F. Morthead, Chairman. The school is now under construction and the formal dedication will be held in the spring of 1926.

(II) To organize our young women into Missionary groups of their own. The slogan for this biennium is Young Women's Year. I hope the women of our missionary societies will not be slow to organize the young women of their congregation into missionary groups. We must win our girls for the missionary cause.

(III) To complete the spoke in the magazine wheel. To reach the goal set for our Synodical Society, we must have 266 paid subscriptions to the magazine. A communication was sent to every missionary society urging that the delegate at this meeting would be prepared to tell how many women subscribed to the "Woman's Work" in her respective congregation. Is it not possible in every society to have every member a subscriber to the magazine.

COMMUNICATIONS

In January a letter was received from Mrs. D. B. Smith, chairman of Extension Department, in which she pointed out that missionary interest and information could be advanced in all Synodical Societies through this department. She also stated the offerings gathered through the Extension Department are devoted to Southern Mountain work. She urged the use of the Extension Department Readings, prepared for the members and told how some Sunday Schools used the Readings as their monthly missionary lesson.

In March a letter came from Miss A. D. Kemp, Executive Secretary, in which she advised at the meeting of the Executive Board held March 4th-5th, it was decided not to send representatives at Board expense to Synodical Convention this year.

In May, a letter was received from Dr. W. Hoppe, President of the Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States, in which he expressed to the officers and members of this society, the appreciation of Synod for the Thankoffering of \$513.55 that was sent to our mission at St. Augustine, Florida. I would like to have this letter read at this meeting, so that you can see how deeply the President and officers and Synod appreciate our efforts.

In June, a letter came from Mrs. G. T. Seebach, Chairman of Publicity of Christmas Offering. She stated the object of the Christmas offering for 1925 is the raising of \$10,000 for a memorial to Miss Virginia Boyer, who lost her life while returning to her field of service. Mrs. Seebach, ask that at our convention a short time would be given on the program to explain the purpose of the Christmas offering. Because our convention would not be held until the New Year, letters were sent to all societies urging them to observe a Christmas offering. I hope that it was done.

In November, a letter came from Miss Tilda E. Nelson, Secretary of the Young Women's Department. In her letter she asked to boost Young Woman's Year, and she wanted to know the name and address of our Young Women Secretaries. It was with regret, I wrote that Georgia and Adjacent States had only one Young Woman's Society.

In accordance with the action of the Executive Board, that each Department Secretary must send copies of their letters semi-annually to all Synodical Presidents as well as to the Secretaries of their respective department. I received during the year letters from Mrs. L. K. Sandford, Secretary of Life Membership and "In Memoriam" Department. Mrs. Sandford is the only General Department secretary from whom your president received letters.

Your Executive Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. Sometime during the year, each local society plan a membership campaign, having in view to enlist every woman in the congregation a member of the missionary society. Let us do our part to reach the goal of 100,000 members.

2. Every effort be made to fill in the spoke in the magazine wheel, and the week of April 5th be known as Magazine week, at which time intensive work shall be done to gather in renewals, and new subscribers to Lutheran Woman's Work, so when the convention meets at Rockford, Illinois in September, our Missionary Society will have reached its quota of 266 paid subscriptions.

3. That each society sometime during the year plan some mission study work.

4. Delegates to the annual convention be elected at least two months in advance at this meeting, and the name sent at once to the President. With such an arrangement it would not be difficult for the President to plan the program and more of the societies could be represented on it.

5. Since 1926 is designated as Young Woman's Year, a special effort be made to organize our young women into missionary groups of their own.

6. That each society make an effort to subscribe at least one share (\$10.00) to the Southern Mountain work at Konnarock, Virginia.

7. That there be more activity in the Extension Department.

8. That we continue to faithfully meet our obligations.

(a) Paying regularly into the General Fund.

(b) Biennial travel fund.

(c) Synodical travel and expense fund.

(d) Making annual Thank Offerings, Week of Prayer Offerings, and Christmas Offerings.

I feel that I cannot close this report without saying a word of appreciation for the Bulletin. I am sure our very efficient editor, Miss Lalla McGraw, has put in much time and work on the paper, and its visits have been most helpful to me. My only regret is, our societies do not take advantage in spreading information to others through the Bulletin. And I wish to also express my thanks to Miss McGraw for the attractive programs she has prepared for this meeting.

My relation with the officers and members of this society have been most pleasant during the year, and as we face the New Year, let us not slacken our interest, or grow weak, in our faith but with the promise of our Lord, "Lo, I am with you always", let us continue to pray, work and give, using all our energy for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Spread the light; Spread the light;
 Till earth's remotest bounds have heard
 The glory of the Living Word;
 Till those that see not have their sight;
 Till all the fringes of the night
 Are lifted, and the long-closed doors
 Are wide forever to the light.
 Spread the light!

LOTTIE LANG, President.

The Treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Pugh, read her report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT—Disbursements

FEBRUARY 1, 1925, to FEBRUARY 1, 1926.

Expense to Convention—

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.....	\$ 30.00
Mrs. W. E. Pugh.....	24.00
	\$ 54.00

To Mrs. Walter C. Weier, Treas. W. M. S., U. L. C. A.—

Biennial Con. Ex. Fund.....	66.22
General Fund.....	922.33
Week of Prayer.....	585.83
Thank Offering.....	930.85
Boyer Hall.....	34.50
India Lace Industry.....	53.06
Brewer Memorial.....	34.62
Life Membership.....	80.00
Portegee.....	110.00
Orphan Home.....	96.25
China.....	14.02
Foreign Mission Forward Fund.....	30.00
Girls' School, Japan.....	6.00
Daytona Mission.....	50.00
Mountain Mission.....	5.00
	3,018.68

Total Disbursements.....	\$3,072.68
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Balance on Hand—

Incidental		\$155.65
B. C. Ex. Fund		.10
General Fund		20.90
Thank Offering		28.45
Total on Hand		205.10

Grand Total		\$3,277.78
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Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. E. PUGH, Treasurer.

APPENDIX TO TREASURER'S REPORT

Christ English, Birmingham, Ala., Boyer Hall \$ 4.25

Mrs. J. H. Harpster, our former missionary to India, brought words of greeting, also a message from our beloved Dr. Kugler, who is in a hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mrs. P. D. Ruff, the Statsitical Secretary, read her report as follows:

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY

NAME AND LOCATION	Enrolled Mem. No. Reg. Mgs.	No. Pub. Mgs.	Aver. Attend.	Regular Dues	OFFERINGS			Total
					Week of Prayer	Thank Offering	Other Offerings	
Church of Redeemer, Atlanta	50	12	1	35	\$ 75.00	\$ 19.45	\$ 88.12	\$ 17.50
Church of Resurrection, Augusta	78	12			102.45	41.50	65.00	208.95
St. James, Brunswick	12	10	1	8	10.00	2.50	26.24	2.25
Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson	15	11		9	16.50	7.15	10.45	3.30
St. John's, Jacksonville (2 circles)	49	11	1	12	90.50	51.89	172.53	126.35
	11	9		8				414.27
Church of Redeemer, Macon	15	12		9	26.58	6.52	12.95	2.10
St. Luke, Oglethorpe	15	12		8	21.50	4.35	14.00	
St. Mark, Plains	15	12	4	12	27.90		6.60	
St. Andrew's, Plains	18	12	1	8	33.15	18.60	25.68	3.00
Church of Ascension, Savannah	100	9	4	70	160.00	50.00	50.00	54.05
Bethel, Springfield	15	4	1	8	15.00		3.80	2.20
St. Paul, Savannah	70	12	2	15	105.00	23.91	56.90	39.10
St. Philip's, Senoia	8	12		*8	9.60	27.10	24.72	3.90
								65.32

* 100 per cent.

A telegram was read from the General Treasurer, Mrs. Walter C. Weier.

The following appointments were made by the President: Committee on President's Report: Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin and Mrs. B. S. Dasher.

On Treasurer's Report: Mrs. W. H. Hiller and Miss Annie Schneiker.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Receipts
 February 1, 1925 to February 1st, 1926

TOTAL									
Dytona Mission		Mountains Mission		China		Copenhagen Home		Gir's, School Japan	
Benevolent Fund	Benevolent Con.	Bank Fund	Bank Fund	Offering	Offering	Offering	Offering	Offering	Offering
Expense Fund	Expense Con.	Bank Fund	Bank Fund	Offering	Offering	Offering	Offering	Offering	Offering
\$111.40	\$ 2.40	\$ 44.10	\$ 47.52	\$ 230.80	\$ 30.00	\$ 4.12	\$ 30.00	\$ -----	\$ 440.34
By Balance		1.27	1.28	29.80	.75	60			
By Convention		1.50	1.28	2.50					
W. M. S., St. James, Brunswick, Ga.	20	20.00	10.00	50.00	50.00	17.50			
W. M. S., Church of Ascension, Savannah, Ga.	14.60	14.70	9.85	88.12	19.45	12.50			
W. M. S., Church of Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.									
W. M. S., St. Philip's, Plains, Ga.	1.60		.80	1.20	72.24	27.10	9.25		
W. M. S., St. Luke's, Ooltewha, Ga.			1.50	14.00		4.35			
W. M. S., St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla.	12.80		6.40	3.95	207.4	51.89	3.50		
W. M. S., St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga.	2.40		1.20	14.40	25.68	18.60	3.00		
W. M. S., Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.	5.00		2.50	52.30	74.00	50.00	9.00		
W. M. S., St. John's, Rincon, Ga.			1.50	9.40	6.65	6.45			
W. M. S., Church of Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.	14.00		9.40	79.05	65.00	41.50			
W. M. S., Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga.	12.50		7.00	84.00	5.00	6.52			
W. M. S., St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.	14.00				66.90	23.91	8.10		
W. M. S., Church of Reformation, Savannah, Ga.					4.00	5.00			
W. M. S., Jerusalem, Ebenezer, Ga.									
W. M. S., Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga.	3.60		1.80	2.44					
W. M. S., Grace, Lakeland, Fla.			3.00	22.40	15.00	4.00			
W. M. S., Mt. Pilgrim, Harlson, Ga.	1.60			30.10	42.75	12.76			
W. M. S., Zion, Mariow, Ga.							3.50		
W. M. S., Christ English, Birmingham, Ala.	2.00								
W. M. S., Grace, Stillwell, Ga.									
W. M. S., Bethel, Springfield, Ga.									
W. M. S., Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla.									
W. M. S., Miller Chapel, Eifingham Co., Ga.									
W. M. S., Ebenezer Conference									
Y. W. M. S., St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.	1.70		2.00	22.20			40.00	a	
Light Brigade, Church of Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.				25.00					50.00
Light Brigade, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.				20.00					
Light Brigade, Church of Reformation, Savannah, Ga.									
Light Brigade, Grace, Stillwell, Ga.									
Light Brigade, St. John's, Rincon, Ga.									
Light Brigade, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga.									
Light Brigade, Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.									
Light Brigade, Grace, Lakeland, Fla.									
Light Brigade, Mt. Pilgrim, Harlson, Ga.									
Light Brigade, Church of Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.									
Light Brigade, Zion, Mariow, Ga.									
Light Brigade, St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga.									
Light Brigade, Jerualem, Ebener, Ga.									
Light Brigade, St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla.									
TOTAL	\$209.65	\$66.32	\$94.23	\$959.30	\$535.83	\$34.50	\$53.06	\$14.02	\$6.00
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									\$80.00
									\$110.00
									\$10.00
									\$14.62
									\$53.06
									\$14.02
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									\$50.00
									\$3.277.78

a Student in China. b Students in India and Africa.

On Report of Statistical Secretary: Mrs. W. E. Pugh and Mrs. W. A. Lutz.

Reporter, Lutheran Woman's Work and Lutheran: Mrs. D. P. Ruff.

Local papers and Bulletin: Mrs. H. C. Bell.

Literature: Mrs. Schroeder and Miss Liddington.

Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin sang a solo, "The Wondrous Cross", and the session was closed by sentence prayers.

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday, 2:00 P. M.

Session was opened with a devotional service, "Our Prayers and Missionaries", by Mrs. Bell.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

A paper on "The Missionary Opportunities of Our Church in Florida" was read by Mrs. W. E. Pugh.

Greetings from Japan from Mrs. Mary Lou Bowers Gray were brought by her father, Dr. A. J. Bowers, of Savannah.

Drs. Hancher, Bauslin and Greever brought messages from the various Boards they represent.

Mrs. Ruff and Mrs. Schroeder were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

Session closed with prayer.

THIRD SESSION

Thursday, 9:30 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Bell.

Pastor Coffelt, of Birmingham, brought greetings from Synod.

Mrs. W. A. Lutz, one of the first Presidents of the North Carolina Society, gave a short history of the beginning of that society.

Dr. Hancher brought a message from the President of Synod, asking that the Missionary Society defer the decision of the mission point to receive the Week of Prayer Offering for this year, until after the inspection of locations by the President of Synod. The reports of the following committees were received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We, your Committee, have carefully considered the very excellent report of our President. She has completely covered every phase of the work for the year and through her deep consecration in the Master's service, and her efficient leadership, we as a Synodical Society, have been enabled to advance along all lines as reported for the past year.

Concerning the recommendations, we recommend the adoption of Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. We recommend the adoption of Item 8, a, b, c, d.

We further recommend that the Convention give a rising vote of thanks to Miss Lang for her efficient and untiring services during the past year as our President.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE P. MacLAUGHLIN,
BEULAH V. DASHER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

We, your Committee on By-Laws, appointed by the last Convention, submit the following:

1. Election shall be held immediately after the report of Officers.
2. The President shall always be a delegate to Biennial Conventions.
3. The expense of the principal delegate to the Biennial Convention be paid to the Synodical Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

BEULAH V. DASHER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT

We, the Committee on Treasurer's Report, found the report one of the most efficient, and concise and interesting financial reports it has been our privilege to report upon and found it correct in every phase.

We ask for a rising acknowledgement of said report.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. HILLER,
ANNIE E. SCHNEIKER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Your Committee has examined the Statistical Secretary's Report and wish to commend her faithful and painstaking work. But we notice that several societies did not report and that the Georgia Synodical has not made use of the report blanks provided by the General Society. Consequently we would recommend that in the future we secure these blanks from the General Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Frank Jensen, of Chicago, thus saving our own

Secretary unnecessary work, and be conforming to the General Society's method of collecting statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. E. PUGH,

MRS. W. A. LUTZ.

Pastor Kiesler, Field Missionary, gave a summary of the work being done at St. Augustine, and Daytona, Florida.

The following officers were elected:

President: Miss Lottie Lang.

First Vice-President: Mrs. B. S. Dasher.

Second Vice-President: Mrs. W. H. Hiller.

Recording Secretary: Miss Lalla McGraw.

Statistical Secretary: Mrs. D. P. Ruff.

Treasurer: Mrs. W. E. Pugh.

Miss Lang and Mrs. Pugh were elected delegates to the Biennial Convention to be held in Rockford, Illinois; Mrs. Dasher and Mrs. Klingler, alternates, the first named alternate to fill the first vacancy.

It was unanimously carried that the Convention take two shares in the Konnarock School for our Recording Secretary, Miss McGraw.

It was decided by motion that the publication of "The Bulletin" be continued.

Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin read a paper on "Young Women's Work".

Department Secretaries for the year were appointed as found in the Directory.

Session closed with the use of the Litany and prayer by Mrs. Harpster.

FOURTH SESSION

Thursday Afternoon,

Mrs. Bell conducted the devotional service. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved. Motion was made that our meetings continue to be held at the time and place of the

meetning of Synod, the President to confer with the President of Synod as to the advisability of separating.

Mrs. Harpster gave a talk on the customs, work and the beginnings of our Lace Industry in India.

The Convention instructed Mrs. Pugh to convey the love and sympathy of the Society to Dr. Kugler, in the hospital in St. Petrsburg, Fla.

The offering amounted to \$17.70. Reports of Departmental Secretaries were read. The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved: First, That the Synodical Missionary Society by unanimous vote, express to Pastor B. D. Wessinger and his faithful people, our heartfelt and sincere appreciation of their hearty welcome and generous hospitality and the many courtesies extended to us during our stay in their beautiful city.

Second, We wish to express our appreciation for the very helpful messages brought to the Convention by Dr. Charles Bauslin, Secretary of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church; Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Superintendent of the Southern District of the Home Mission Board; Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., of the Southern Seminary and the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church; Dr. A. J. Bowers, of the Church of the Reformation, Savannah; Rev. C. M. Coffelt, of Christ Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. C. E. Weltner, first President of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States; Mrs. J. H. Harpster, a former missionary from India; Mrs. H. C. Bell, Field Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church; Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, of Atlanta, Ga., and Rev. E. B. Keisler, Field Missionary.

Third, We also wish to extend our thanks to Rev. Dunkle and the members of the First Methodist Church of Lakeland for the use of their building.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. D. GNANN,

MRS. H. O. DURHAM.

The report was adopted and the Treasurer instructed to pay to the janitor the customary fee.

The closing consecration service was conducted by Mrs. C. E. Weltner and the convention formally closed by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. HILLER, Recording Secretary, *Pro Tem.*

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Charter of Synod expires December 3, 1967.

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Dr. Chas. Sancken 1527 Monte Sano Ave., Augusta, Ga.

Trustees of the Orphan Home

Mr. Geo. W. Hunt, Savannah, Ga. Term ending 1928

Trustees of the Lowman Home

L. E. Shealy, D. D. S. Oglethorpe, Ga.

Trustees of Newberry College

Mr. J. H. Paulsen, 207 W. 37th St., Savannah, Ga. Term ending 1925
Mr. O. F. Fulmer, 15 E. 34th St., Savannah, Ga. Term ending 1926
Mr. H. C. Lorick, 709 Greene St., Augusta, Ga. Term ending 1927

Trustees of Summerland College

Rev. W. A. Reiser, 246 Broad St., Augusta, Ga. Term ending 1925
Mr. H. T. Harris, 869½ Mulberry St., Macon, Ga. Term ending 1926
R. L. Gnann, D. D. S., 116 E. Jones St. Savannah, Ga. Term ending 1927

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STANDING COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee*—The officers of Synod and Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D., and Mr. W. B. Spann.
2. *Mission Committee*—The President of Synod, Revs. T. W. Shealy, M. J. Epting, D. D., F. L. Lineberger, and Messrs. H. L. Seckinger, Rincon, Ga., and J. Henry Behr, Wagner Heights, Savannah, Ga.
3. *Examining Committee*—Revs. W. E. Pugh and B. D. Wessinger appointed for three years; Revs. M. J. Epting, D. D., and T. W. Shealy appointed for two years; Revs. W. H. Hiller and L. W. Strickler appointed for one year.
4. *Committee on Ministerial Education*—The President of Synod and Revs. C. A. Phillips and W. A. Reiser, and Messrs. H. A. Reiser, Springfield, Ga., and C. Bowers Gnann, Clyo, Ga.
5. *Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief*—Messrs. C. H. Steiglitz, 277 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga.; W. B. Clark, 533 E. 40th St., Savannah, Ga., and Otto F. Bocher, St. Petersburg, Fla.
6. *Committee on Stewardship*—Mr. W. B. Ahlgren, 52 Colquitt Ave., Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. C. Sancken, 1527 Monte Sano Ave., Augusta, Ga.; and Mr. H. E. Dreeson, 108 East 44th Street, Savannah, Ga.
7. *Committee on Boys' Work*—Rev. W. A. Reiser, and Messrs. W. B. Ahlgren, 52 Colquitt Ave., Atlanta, Ga., and C. F. Griffin, 703 Holt Avenue, Macon, Ga.
8. *Inner Mission Committee*—Revs. L. W. Strickler, H. E. Henning, and C. A. Phillips.
9. *Statistician*—Rev. H. E. Henning, Cullman, Ala.
10. *Committee on Evangelism*—Rev. W. A. Reiser, Augusta, Ga.
11. *Committee of One on Summer Assembly Grounds*—The President of Synod.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

12. *On President's Report*—Revs. W. Hoppe, H. E. Henning, and C. A. Phillips, and Mr. H. E. Dreeson.
13. *On Letters and Petitions*—Revs. W. A. Reiser, C. A. Phillips, and F. L. Lineberger, and Messrs. H. E. Dreeson and G. W. Seckinger.
14. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. T. W. Shealy, and B. D. Wessinger, and Dr. C. Sancken.
15. *On Reports of Conferences*—Revs. C. A. Phillips, and C. M. Coffelt, and Dr. L. E. Shealy.

16. *On Absentees and Excuses*—Revs. E. B. Keisler, and W. A. Lutz, and Mr. O. W. Passavant.
17. *On Resolutions*—Rev. B. S. Dasher, and Messrs. Otto Kolb and D. F. Barthelmess.
18. *Visitor to Synodical Missionary Society*—Rev. W. H. Hiller.
19. *Fraternal Delegate to South Carolina Synod*—Rev. W. A. Reiser.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION OF SYNOD
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Florida
Tuesday, February 2, 1926.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS OF SYNOD

1. That there be elected annually two trustees to the Board of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.; one trustee to the Board of the Orphan Home at Salem, Va., and one trustee to the Board of the Lowman Home at White Rock, S. C. (Minutes of 1917, page 16.)
2. (b) That the appointment of the Synodical Inner Mission Committee be approved.
(b) That synodical representatives be appointed to the U. L. C. Committee on Boys' Work and the U. L. C. Committee on Necrology, respectively. (Minutes of 1919, pages 18 and 19.)
3. That there be appointed a Standing Committee on Stewardship, Sacrifice, and Service, whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the Officers of Synod and the agency in the United Lutheran Church to promote benevolences, prosecute plans for higher efficiency in the churches, and assist in the annual Every Member Canvass. (Minutes for 1920, page 15.)
4. That a Press Committee be appointed for each Convention of the Synod by the President. In its appointment, the President need not confine himself to the delegates to the Synod.
5. That a Committee on Resolutions be appointed by the President which shall report before the closing of each Convention.
6. That a Synodical Co-operating Committee on Ministerial Relief, composed chiefly, if not altogether of laymen, be appointed at this Convention of Synod. (Minutes of 1923, page 32.)
7. That, in accordance with the Financial Plan adopted at the Buffalo Convention of the U. L. C. A.:

(a) That all funds contributed for Boards and committees of the U. L. C. A. shall be sent to the Treasurer of Synod and by him to the Treasurer of the U. L. C. A. This includes special contributions in response to the general appeals as well as to the agencies of the Church.

(b) That all funds sent by the Synod shall, unless otherwise marked, be applied on the apportionment for the current fiscal year.

(c) That the apportionment of the U. L. C. A. shall be considered the minimum amount which each Synod shall provide toward the regular obligations of the Church.

(d) That special contributions and bequests to the benevolent and educational work of the Church shall be encouraged and all Boards are urged to present their cause to Synods, congregations and individuals; but as it is the duty of all to recognize first the apportionment obligations, no such special contributions shall be credited on the apportionment.

(e) That in order that all obligations of the Church may be properly met, all Synods should remit monthly to the Treasurer of the U. L. C. A. not less than one-twelfth of the apportionment and all congregations shall make similar monthly payments to their synodical treasurers.

(f) That all congregations are urged to adopt the Weekly Duplex Envelope System as being eminently Scriptural and the most practical and best financial method known, and all officers of Synods and pastors are expected to make every effort for the adoption of this method.

(g) That the Synods are urged to provide for an annual every member canvass in all congregations of the U. L. C. A. during Thanksgiving Week, or as near that time as possible, in order that proper financial support may be provided for the work of the congregation, the Synod and the U. L. C. A.

(h) That the total amount to be raised for all Boards and Committees as authorized by the U. L. C. A. shall be apportioned to all Synods at a rate on confirmed membership and regular local expenses.

(i) That the expenses of meetings or committee not otherwise provided for, and other expenses as may be authorized by the officers of the U. L. C. A. shall be paid by the Treasurer upon the approval provided by the By-Laws.

(j) That Synod arrange its apportionment year to begin January 1 of each year. (Minutes of 1922, page 29.)

8. That we recommend the election of two treasurers in every congregation, one for Current Fund and one for Benevolence. (Minutes for 1920, page 38.)

9. That benevolent contributions shall never be used even temporarily by congregations to meet local expenses, but shall be transmitted each month to the Treasurer of Synod. (Minutes of 1921, page 15.)

10. That the official Church paper, The Lutheran, be most cordially commended to our people, with the strong recommendation that pastors and church councils make every effort to have a copy placed in every home in our congregations. (Minutes of 1922, page 16.)

11. That the names and addresses of our student youth be forwarded to Dr. Geo. J. Gongaware, Charleston, S. C., at once.

12. That realizing the great value and urgent need of Week Day Religious Instruction, we urge our congregations to establish their own Week-Day Schools for Religious Instruction; that in establishing these schools, co-operation with others in making arrangements may be desirable, but the Lutheran Church desires to reserve to herself the actual instruction of her own children. (Minutes of 1922, page 28.)

13. That the Luther League be endorsed and all pastors be urged to organize their young people into active societies. (Minutes of 1922, page 31.)

14. That this Synod have its minutes printed in the uniform size and style suggested by the U. L. C. A. Convention. (Minutes of 1922, page 31.)

15. That the fiscal year of this Synod, its organizations, congregations, Boards and committees be made concurrent with the calendar year. (Minutes of 1922, page 31.)

16. That the Synod print its parochial report crosswise on the page and not vertically, using only two pages for all rubrics, thereby having opportunity to make use of 41 lines to a page; and that all parochial reports contain a summary in which a total is given for the Synod for the year covered by the report together with a total for the preceding year and a comparative statement of increase and decrease under all rubrics. (Minutes of 1922, page 31.)

17. That the Synod make provision for the presence of their Statistical Secretary at the future convention of the U. L. C. A. in order that they may attend the conference of Statistical Secretaries at the time of the Convention. (Minutes of 1922, page 32.)

12. (a) That any minister who leaves the specific work of the ministry to engage in secular pursuits, shall deposit his ordination certificate with the President of the Synod of which he is a member and whenever he resumes the work of the ministry with the consent of the President of Synod, the certificate shall be returned to him. This does not apply to those who may be incapacitated by age or ill health. (Minutes of 1921, page 15.)

19. That the expenses of the delegates of the United Lutheran Church in America and to sister Synods, and of representatives of the Synod to the Boards of our institutions where required and of committees and commissions appointed, or authorized to be appointed by the Synod, be paid by the Treasurer from the funds of the Synod after approval as provided in the Constitution.

20. That Synod elect annually a Statistical Secretary of the Synod.

21. That all reports be presented to the Secretary in duplicate, and that all motions and resolutions be presented in writing.

22. That all honorary titles be omitted in the minutes of the Synod, except in the roster of the Synod.

MINUTES
of the
SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Jacksonville, Florida.*

Tuesday, February 17, 1925, Eleven A. M.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Georgia and Adjacent States assembled for its Sixty-fifth Annual Convention on February 17, 1925, in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Florida, the Rev. W. H. Hiller, pastor. The Service and the Order of Public Confession were conducted by the Revs. L. W. Strickler and H. E. Henning. The Rev. W. E. Pugh, President, preached the sermon. The President, assisted by the Revs. L. W. Strickler and H. E. Henning, administered the Lord's Supper to the members of the Synodical Convention and to the members of the Synodical Missionary Society.

FIRST SESSION

Tuesday Afternoon, February 17, 2 P. M.

At 2 P. M. the Rev. W. E. Pugh, President of Synod, called the Convention to order and opened the same with the use of the Form for the Opening of Synods. The clerical roll of Synod was then called, and the lay delegates were enrolled upon the presentation of the proper credentials.

ROLL OF SYNOD

1. ORDAINED MINISTERS

Minister	Ordained	Address
Rev. W. A. Lutz (r)	1877	Brunswick, Ga.
Rev. W. Hoppe, D. D.	1888	203 E. Bolton St., Savannah, Ga.
Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D.	1888	1413 Bull St., Savannah, Ga.
Rev. T. W. Shealy	1897	Springfield, Ga.
Rev. W. H. Hiller	1898	609 Laura St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Rev. John Hall (a, e)	1901	Chaplain U. S. A.
Rev. E. C. Witt (a, e)	1901	Rt. A, Lake City, Fla.
Rev. C. A. Phillips	1902	Plains, Ga.
Rev. B. D. Wessinger (r)	1903	Lakeland, Fla.
Rev. J. L. Yonce (a)	1907	Avon Park, Fla.
Rev. W. E. Pugh	1911	425 Fifth St., N., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Rev. B. S. Dasher (r)	1911	Senoia, Ga.
Rev. Herbert C. Bell (a, e)	1914	553 Wood St., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Rev. F. L. Lineberger (r)	1915	Marlow, Ga.
Rev. C. M. Coffelt (r)	1916	1411 N. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. W. A. Reiser	1917	244 Broad St., Augusta, Ga.
Rev. Geo. A. Stoudemayer (r)	1917	Oglethorpe, Ga.
Rev. H. E. Henning	1919	Cullman, Ala.
Rev. Paul M. Counts (a, e)	1922	Monrovia, Liberia, Africa
Rev. L. W. Strickler	1922	200 Beach Avenue, Macon, Ga.
Rev. E. B. Keisler	1923	93½ South St., St. Augustine, Fla.
Rev. John A. Howe (a)	—	Weirsdale, Fla.

2. LAY DELEGATES

Pastorate	Delegate
Bethel, Effingham County, Ga.	Mr. S. T. Metzer
Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla.	No Delegate
Christ, Birmingham, Ala.	No Delegate
Christ, Cullman, Ala.	Mr. W. F. Richter
Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.	Mr. H. E. Dreeson
Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga.	Mr. D. P. Ruff
Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.	No Delegate
Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga.	Mr. Otto Kolb
Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.	Dr. C. Sancken
Ebenezer, Effingham County, Ga.	Mr. G. W. Seckinger
Grace, Lakeland, Fla.	Mr. J. C. Korp
Haralson-Senoia, Coweta County, Ga.	Mr. O. W. Passavant
Highlands, DeSoto City, Fla.	No Delegate
Macon County Pastorate, Ga.	Dr. L. E. Shealy
Memorial, St. Augustine, Fla. (r)	Mr. G. H. Weber
Plains, Sumpter County, Ga.	Mr. H. C. Dominick
St. James, Brunswick, Ga.	Mr. Wm. Nisi

St. John, Jacksonville, Fla.	Mr. J. C. Raabe
St. John, Weirsdale, Fla.	No Delegate
St. Michael, Muscadine, Ala.	No Delegate
St. Paul, Savannah, Ga.	Mr. W. F. Barthelmess
Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.	Mr. W. F. Anschuetz
Zion, Marlow, Ga.	Mr. W. A. Dasher
Treasurer of Synod	Dr. R. L. Gnann
(a) Absent. (a,e) Absent and excused. (r) Received at this convention of Synod.	

SUMMARY

At the last convention of Synod there were twenty-two names on the clerical roll. The losses during the year have been six: four by transfer and two by death. The accessions have been six—all by transfer. This makes the clerical roll consist of twenty-two names—the same number as last year.

One new congregation was received into the membership of Synod.

The attendance at the Sixty-fifth Annual Convention was a total of thirty-four—sixteen clerical members and eighteen lay delegates.

ADVISORY MEMBERS

The following were present as representatives of causes and were received as advisory members of Synod: The Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, of the Home Mission Board; the Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.; the Rev. F. G. Morgan of Summerland College. The following were also received as advisory members: the Revs. A. J. Bowers, D. D., Chas. Cooper, D. D., G. F. Hartwick, C. Brown Cox, E. H. Copenhaver, and Mr. H. L. Bonham.

The Rev. A. D. R. Hancher addressed the Convention at the Vesper Service on Tuesday evening, and the Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., at the Vesper Service on Wednesday evening.

The hours for the sessions of Synod were set as follows: Morning sessions 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. Afternoon sessions 2:30 P. M. to 5:45 P. M. Evening services 7:30 P. M.

REGISTER OF CONGREGATIONS

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

PARISH	CONGREGATION	LOCATION	SECRETARY	ADDRESS
				Southern Hotel P. O. Box 243
Birmingham	Christ English	Birmingham	Mr. D. R. Ridenhour	
Cullman	Christ English	Cullman	Mr. W. F. Richter	
Muscadine	St. Michael	Muscadine		
DeSoto City Mission	St. Mark	DeSoto City	Mr. E. Ethridge	DeSoto City
DeSoto City Mission	Trinity	Avon Park	Mr. C. B. Jones	Avon Park
DeSoto City Mission	St. Paul	Wauchula	Mr. P. E. Erler	Wauchula
Jacksonville	St. John	Jacksonville	Mr. W. W. Detcher	420 Barrs St.
Lake City	Bethlehem	Lake City		
Lakeland	Grace	Lakeland	Mr. Henry Wagner	202 W. Patterson St.
St. Augustine	Memorial	St. Augustine	Mr. W. R. Maginnis	318 S. George St.
St. Petersburg	Trinity	St. Petersburg	Mr. D. C. Ethridge	808 Seventh St. N.
St. John	St. John	Wiersdale		
Atlanta	Redeemer	Atlanta	Mr. C. M. Kessler	care Standard Oil Co.
Augusta	Resurrection	Augusta	Mr. A. D. Henstreet	446 Fenwick St.
Bethel	Bethel	Guyton, R. F. D.	Mr. B. E. Heidt	Guyton
Bethel	Wingard Memorial	Clyo	Mr. S. T. Metzgar	Clyo
Bethel	Holy Trinity	Springfield	Mr. R. E. Shearhouse	Springfield
Bethel	Laurel Hill	Clyo, R. F. D.	Mr. W. B. Reiser	Clyo
Broadhurst	St. John	Broadhurst		
Brunswick	St. James	Brunswick	Mr. P. H. Addy	Haralson
	Mt. Pilgrim	Haralson	Mr. L. W. Bedenbaugh	Senoia
	St. Phillip's	Senoia	Mr. Curt Mueller	119 Nottingham Drive
	Redeemer	Macon	Mr. H. E. Dugger	Marlow
	Mt. Olivet	Marlow	Mr. Geo. Kessler	Marlow
	Mt. Olivet	Marlow, R. F. D.	Mr. B. G. Fetzer	Marlow
	Mt. Olivet Chapel	Marlow, R. F. D.	Mr. Hugh Shealy	Oglethorpe
Zion Parish	Zion	Oglethorpe	R. F. D.	Oglethorpe
Zion Parish	St. Luke	Oglethorpe, R. F. D.		
Zion Parish	St. John	Oglethorpe, R. F. D.		
Oglethorpe Parish	Mt. Zion	Rincon	Mr. E. B. Hiney	Rincon
Oglethorpe Parish	St. John	Near Rincon	Mr. J. H. Waldhour	Rincon
Ebenezer Parish	Jerusalem	Stillwell	Mr. A. O. Gannan	Stillwell
Ebenezer Parish	Grace	Plains	Mr. J. W. Jennings	Plains
Plains	St. Andrews	Summer Co.	Mr. P. Addy	Preston
Plains	St. Mark	Brownwood	Mr. S. B. Denton	Brownwood
Plains	St. Paul	Savannah	Mr. W. B. Spann	Savannah
Savannah	Ascension	Savannah	Mr. Harry Precht	Savannah
Savannah	Reformation	Savannah	Mr. John J. Stevens	Savannah
St. Paul				

The Rev. W. E. Pugh, President, read the

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Brethren:

By the grace of God we have come to the 65th Annual Convention of our beloved Synod. At its last Convention the Synod accepted the invitation of the Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., to meet with them this year. Owing to the fact that this congregation has not completed the erection of its new church, as had been contemplated would be done by this time, the Synod was asked to postpone its meeting in Augusta one year, if it were possible to secure another place of meeting for 1925. We turned to St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla., stated the situation, and here we are, the guests of a gracious host. Synod's deep appreciation of the willingness of St. John's Church to entertain Synod at this time is hereby expressed.

OBITUARY

During the year Synod sustained the loss by death of two of its oldest clerical members. In August 1924, the Rev. J. K. Efird passed to his eternal reward. Our brother had entered the Lowman Home for the Aged and Infirm a short time previous to his death. His last service as pastor was rendered in the Bethlehem parish, Lake City, Fla.

On December 2nd, 1924, the Rev. G. E. Lavender, who had resided at Zebulon, Ga., for many years, was called to his heavenly home. Brother Lavender always took a lively interest in the work of the Synod although because of advancing age and physical infirmities he had not been active in the ministry for many years.

The Synod hereby expresses its sincere appreciation of the faithful services of these good ministers of the gospel. We would also extend to their families deep Christian sympathy and commend them to the comforting grace of God's word and promise.

The annual report of my official acts, together with certain other information and recommendations as seem important, are submitted for your consideration:

I. CALLS ACCEPTED.

The following brethren have accepted calls to various congregations in the Synod, and their letters of transfer and applications for admission into membership of Synod have been referred to the Examining Committee for recommendation:

January 22, 1924, Rev. B. S. Dasher of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina advised that he had accepted a call to the Haralson-Senoia parish, effective April 1, 1924.

February 4, 1924, Rev. B. D. Wessinger of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina wrote me that he had accepted the call to become pastor of Grace, Lakeland, Fla. He began work May 11, 1924.

April 29, 1924, Rev. F. L. Lineberger of the Michigan of the United Lutheran Church in America advised that he had accepted the call to the Zion parish effective September 1, 1924.

September 29, 1924, Rev. W. A. Lutz of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina advised that he had accepted the call to St. James', Brunswick, the same to become effective October 1.

October 23, 1924, Rev. C. M. Coffelt of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania wrote me that he had accepted the call to Christ Church, Birmingham, and had begun work as pastor October 12.

January 3, 1925, Mr. C. M. Kessler, Secretary of the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, advised that the call extended by the congregation to the Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, D. D., of the Pittsburgh Synod, had been accepted, effective March 1, 1925.

January 10, 1925, Rev. Geo. A. Stoudemayer of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania advised that he had accepted the call extended him by the Macon county parish effective January 15, 1925.

The following members of the Synod accepted calls during the year to work within the Synod:

February 7, 1924, Rev. Chas. A. Phillips advised that he had accepted the call extended him by the Plains parish and had begun regularly upon the work January 21, 1924.

June 5, 1924, Rev. E. B. Keisler advised me that he had accepted the call to become Field Missionary of the Synod and would be ready to begin this work September 1, 1924.

II. RESIGNATIONS

March 10, 1924, Rev. E. C. Witt, pastor of Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla., effective May 1, 1924.

June 5, 1924, Rev. E. B. Keisler as pastor of the Rincon parish, effective September 1, 1924.

September 10, 1924, Rev. Karl L. Reisner as pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, effective November 3, 1924.

December 13, 1924, Rev. John L. Yonce as pastor of the DeSoto parish, Avon Park, Fla. Pastor Yonce will, however, continue service as a supply at this place.

December 13, 1924, Rev. John A. Howe, as pastor of St. John's Weirsdale, Fla., effective March 1, 1925.

III. DISMISSALS.

December 11, 1923, Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr., was granted a letter of transfer to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Virginia.

January 21, 1924, Rev. M. R. Wingard to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina.

May 19, 1924, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, D. D., Ph.D., to the Evangelical Lutheran Susquehanna Synod of East Pennsylvania.

IV. SUPPLIES.

The following supply services were rendered during the year:

Rev. A. J. Bowers, D. D., supplied the Church of the Reformation, Savannah, beginning January 1, 1924.

Rev. Chas. A. Phillips continued supply services in the Macon county parish until he accepted the call to the Plains parish February 7, 1924. Pastors Phillips and Strickler have continued to supply this parish with services as opportunity offered.

Rev. W. A. Lutz supplied St. James', Brunswick, from January until Easter, 1924.

Rev. J. C. Miller, a member of the United Lutheran Synod of Virginia, supplied Grace, Lakeland, Fla., from October, 1923, to May 1, 1924.

Student D. W. Zipperer supplied very acceptably the Zion parish.

Student Harry A. Jackson supplied the Christ Lutheran Church, Birmingham, acceptably from June 1 to September 1, 1924.

In arrangement with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Student A. H. Miles of Hamma Divinity School did effective mission work in St. Augustine, Fla., from May 15 to September 14, 1924. His survey of the field and the holding of regular services made an early organization of a church in St. Augustine by the Field Missionary possible.

V. INSTALLATION.

December 9, 1923, Rev. E. B. Keisler was formally installed as pastor of the Rincon parish by Rev. W. A. Reiser under appointment of the President of Synod.

VI. VACANCIES.

The following parishes are now vacant: Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla.; Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga.; Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.; St. John's, Weirsdale, Fla.; Ebenezer Parish, Rincon, Ga. The Church of the Redeemer will have a regular pastor March 1.

VII. APPOINTMENTS.

In accordance with instructions given by the Synod that the President should appoint the Synodical Mission Committee after adjournment, the following appointments were made to that committee November 5, 1924: Revs. T. W. Shealy, Karl L. Reisner, and E. B. Keisler, and Messrs. J. Henry Behr and H. L. Seckinger. After entering upon the support of the

Board of Home Missions as Field Missionary, Rev. E. B. Keisler resigned his membership on the committee. Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D., was appointed to serve until this convention of Synod.

Mr. Geo. W. Hunt was appointed Synodical Chairman for the Orphan Home Building Fund Appeal and is energetically prosecuting that worthy work in the Synod at the present time.

VIII. CORNERSTONE LAID.

With appropriate services the cornerstone of the new Christ English Church, Cullman, Ala., was laid by the pastor, Rev. H. E. Henning, May 11, 1924.

November 27, 1924, the cornerstone of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rincon, Ga., was laid by the Rev. E. B. Keisler, former pastor. This congregation deserves the hearty commendation of Synod in their efforts in rebuilding their house of worship. The old structure has been removed and the new church will occupy the same lot that the congregation has owned for so many years.

The cornerstone of the Sunday School and Parish House of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Savannah, Ga., Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D., pastor, was laid with appropriate ceremony on August 7, 1924. Dr. Epting writes in regard to the building: "The work is progressing very satisfactorily and my dream of more than a quarter of a century is materializing. It will be the only complete building of its kind and for the objects in view in this city. The first floor will be used by the Sunday School, and the arrangements and appointments will be right up to date. The second floor will be used for the social activities of the congregation. With galleries on both floors, the height of the building will be approximately equivalent to four stories of an ordinary building. The estimated cost is placed at \$75,000, exclusive of fixtures and furnishings."

IX. DEDICATION.

The dedication of Christ English Lutheran Church, Cullman, Ala., Rev. H. E. Henning, pastor, took place November 30, 1924. The pastor was assisted in the services by the Revs. A. D. R. Hancher, General Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions in the Southern District; C. M. Coffelt of Birmingham, and L. S. Keyser, D. D., of Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, O. The church is built of brick at a cost of \$8,200 exclusive of art windows and interior equipment. The congregation is to be congratulated on having secured such a splendid church. The property is all practically paid for.

X. APPLICATION.

Application for admission into membership of Synod has been received from Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Augustine, Fla. The application has been referred to the Committee on Letters and Petitions.

XI. BENEVOLENCES.

The response that is given to the regular benevolent operations of the Church serve somewhat as a barometer of spiritual life. Sustained effort on the part of the pastors and leaders in our congregations is necessary for the proper education of our people in the matter of liberality. The Laymen's movement of the United Lutheran Church is increasingly endeavoring to supply impetus to and interest in Christian stewardship of money. Literature and leaflets are being published with this objective in view. The amount asked by the Church for all of its benevolent operations is too small for any except the very weakest congregation to fail to meet it. Yet, if all congregations would pay the amount asked, what an advance could be made in all the benevolent operations of the Kingdom of God.

Attention is here directed to the proposed appeal of the Board of Pensions and Ministerial Relief to be made in 1928 for a greatly enlarged Endowment Fund. Preliminary plans are being made for this work, and it is not too early to have the matter brought before our people. The interest and work of all other Boards of the Church are no less vital. Their field of operation and their needs should also be kept constantly before our people.

The Orphan Home, Salem, Va., the only orphanage owned by the Lutheran Church located in the South, is making an appeal now for a \$200,000 Building Fund. Every person in every congregation should certainly be glad of an opportunity to help in this benevolent and very necessary enterprise in behalf of orphans.

The National Lutheran Council is again asking contributions for the help of our brethren in various parts of the world, who continue to suffer as the result of war. This appeal is being made more definitely than ever through the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America. "There is to be no appeal manager or other such individual to direct the operations. It is, therefore, left with the Synod and its people as to the success of this appeal in behalf of those that are in need. The amount being asked of the constituency of the United Lutheran Church in America is about \$275,000.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. On November 12, 1924, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. The services were held in historic St. Michael's Church, Irmo, S. C., the place where the Synod was organized a century ago. Your President was invited to participate in the services, and conveyed the hearty greetings and congratulations of Synod to the brethren of South Carolina.

2. Certain matters of interest and information and upon which in some instances the Synod may wish to take action will come to your attention under the reports of the Standing Committees of Synod and of the Delegation to the recent Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

3. The educational institutions in which the Synod has a vital concern, namely, Newberry College, Summerland College, and the Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, report the largest attendance of students yet enrolled. There are 32 students enrolled at the Theological Seminary; a record that has not been equalled by the institution in all its history. We are glad these schools are prospering.

4. The Biennial Conference of Presidents of the district synods of the United Lutheran Church was held at Harrisburg, Pa., January 31-February 1, 1924. On account of illness your President did not attend the Conference. Vital subjects relating to the welfare and progress of the Church were discussed at the Conference. As a result of the discussion of "Arrangements for the Presentation of the Causes at the Meetings of Synods," a plan has been evolved by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church whereby an equitable representation of its Boards and Committees can be had at the meetings of Synods. Representatives have been assigned to visit the meetings of Synods, the number being dependent upon the size of the Synod. Our Synod will be entitled to two representatives, who will visit the Synod in convention and present the General Causes of the Church.

5. In conformity with the constitutional provision (Sec. 4, 6) the Treasurer of Synod is again under bond to the amount of \$2,000 with the Globe Indemnity Company.

XIII. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That a Synodical Parish and Church School Secretary be appointed whose duties will be chiefly in connection with the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church.
2. That the offerings at the service of the evening during the convention of Synod be appropriated to the Board of Ministerial Relief of the United Lutheran Church.
3. That the Synod take into serious consideration the desirability of making provision for a full time presidency.

My term of service as your President expires with the convention of Synod. With deep appreciation of your hearty co-operation, sympathy, and charity I return again to you the sacred trust placed in my keeping by you two years ago. May the Lord guide and preserve us as we sit in council together in His Name. That the Spirit of Christ may grant us wisdom to do God's will is my earnest prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Petersburg, Fla.

W. E. PUGH.

January 15, 1925.

The Report was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report. During the Second Session, the Rev. W. Hoppe read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee would recommend:

1. That the official acts of the President be approved.
2. That it receives with a sense of gratification the evident progress of the Church in various spheres of its activities.
3. That the attention of all the congregations be directed to the importance of regular, and as far as possible, increased liberality. The pastors are urged to make use of the aids which are being supplied for the purpose of effecting a full response on the part of our congregations to meet the apportionments laid upon them for the furtherance of the work of the Kingdom.
4. That at the proper time provision be made by the Synod for the reply to the appeal for the enlargement of the Endowment Fund of the Board of Pensions and Ministerial Relief which is contemplated to be made during the year 1928.
5. That every effort be made to complete the quota expected of the Synod in the Salem Orphans' Home Appeal.
6. That the attention of the pastors be called to the urgent appeal of the National Lutheran Council.
7. That the apportionment for Newberry and Summerland Colleges laid by the 1922 Convention be reenacted by Synod for the present year. (See Minutes of 1922 Convention, page 39, item V.)
8. That the Synod provide some means by which the sum necessary to insure the increase in the salaries of the Professors at the Theological Seminary may be assured.
9. That with reference to the election of a Sunday School Secretary to operate on the field of the Synod, it is deemed inadvisable to employ such an officer unless it were possible to enter into an arrangement with a neighboring Synod, whereby he were expected to cover the territory of both Synods. We would recommend the appointment of a Sunday School Committee to classify and co-ordinate the Sunday School work of the Synod under direction of Religious Education of the Parish and Church School Board.
10. That the offering at the service on Tuesday evening be appropriated to the Board of Ministerial Relief of the United Lutheran Church.
11. That the necessity of a salaried President is becoming more and more imperative, and that therefore the Executive Committee be instructed to study this whole subject in all its details and report to the next annual Convention of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HOPPE,
H. E. HENNING,
CHAS. A. PHILLIPS,
HENRY E. DREESON.

The report was received and the recommendations considered seriatum. Each of the items was adopted. Item 8 was referred to the Executive Committee to devise ways and means of carrying out the recommendation. The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. H. E. Henning presented the
REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

The report of your Statistician for the year 1924 is incomplete since but 28 congregations of the 37 in Synod sent in their reports before the meeting of Synod. The following items are worthy of comment:

The three columns dealing with membership show an increase over last year. There are now 6,833 baptized, 4,613 confirmed, and 3,261 communing members in Synod. The baptized column shows an increase of 140, the confirmed column 48, and the communing column 2,104. The large increase in the communing column is due to the fact that, where figures were not given they were supplied on the basis that one-half the baptized membership equals the communing membership. These above figures, however, do not show the exact number of members in the three columns, since the figures for 9 congregations were taken from last year's reports.

The number of Week-Day Schools has increased from 2 with 139 pupils to 3 with 180 over last year. The number of students for the ministry has increased 100 per cent, there being 8 under Collegiate and Seminary preparation. The building activities in a number of congregations in the last few years has increased the value of Synod's property to the extent that it now surpasses the three quarter of a million mark, namely, \$755,960.00.

The totals in the Benevolent columns read most encouragingly. The 28 congregations reported, PAID \$10,087.00, against \$9,579.00 paid last year by all congregations in Synod as shown in the Treasurer's report. The unapportioned Benevolent column shows an increase of \$3,835.00 over that reported by all congregations in Synod last year. The 28 congregations reporting this year, record a most commendable spirit of Benevolent giving with an increase of \$4,343.00 over last year's total Benevolent contributions as reported by Synod's treasurer.

The total expenditures as reported by these 28 congregations is \$125,-832.00, as against \$66,828 reported by 17 congregations in 1923 and \$98,896.00 reported by 26 in 1922. The above figures represent a consistent improvement in the work and life of the Synod.

Your Statistician feels however, that his report would be incomplete, and he would be negligent in his duties as your Statistical Secretary, were the following vital information withheld from Synod.

In the March 15th, 1924, copy of the "Christian Herald" are contained the religious statistics for 1923 for the United States as compiled by Dr. Carroll. The MOST striking fact that faces the Lutheran Church in

the United States is that they are about to lose THIRD place among the Protestant bodies of our land. The Presbyterians needed only a little more than 3,000 communicant members to have put the Lutherans in FOURTH place last year. The second striking fact is the high percentage of gains for the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Disciples of Christ. What about our Lutheran pastors? Have they fallen asleep at their posts? OR have they been JUGGLING figures?

In its report to the United Lutheran Church in convention in Chicago, the "Statistical and Church Year Book Committee" stated: "If the Lutherans in America lose their place as the THIRD largest Protestant Church in the United States, one of the chief reasons for it will be the JUGGLING of the "CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP" in order to avoid congregational financial responsibility." This committee stated further: "There has come to the attention of your Committee, an instance where after the total Confirmed membership was honestly arrived at, in some way or other, 600 members were automatically NOT reported."

How is it with the Georgia Synod on this score? Your Statistician, after carefully going over each Parochial Report, found that there was a difference of 205 Confirmed members. In other words, there were 205 Confirmed members NOT reported on the Pastor's Assembly Sheet, which had been counted on the Pastor's Record Sheet, or should have been reported, but were not. This was due in part to addition and subtraction, and largely to the fact that the Confirmed Membership as shown in last year's report, differed from that shown in the Pastors Record Sheet this year. In view of the above information your Statistician would recommend to an honorable Synod the following:

1. That Synod again urge very strongly upon each congregation the great importance and necessity of making out the Annual Parochial reports.
2. That each pastor read the report of the "Statistical and Church Year Book Committees" as found in the Minutes of the Chicago Convention on page 434 ff.
3. That the names of the pastor and secretary of each congregation of Synod be placed in the hand of the Statistician by the Secretary of Synod, at the request of the Statistician.
4. That when making out the Parochial Reports, pastors and secretaries of congregations use the figures as found in the Minutes of the last Synodical Convention, especially those figures found in the membership columns.
5. That pastors and their wives be reported as members of congregations, if this is not being done.
6. That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to send to the Statistical Secretary immediately after the close of the Synodical year, a report of the receipte for Benevolence from the congregations so that the Statistician can make the necessary corrections and additions in the Benevolent Rubrics.

7. That the sum of \$3.00 be appropriated annually for the use of the Statistical Secretary in gathering accurate Statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. HENNING, Statistician.

The report was received and the recommendations were adopted seriatim. Each of the several recommendations was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

Dr. R. L. Gnann presented the Treasurer's Report.

The Report of the Apportioned Benevolences appears on the opposite page.

The following remittances for 1924 were received after December 31st, 1924, and were authorized by the Executive Committee to be placed in the

APPENDIX TO TREASURER'S REPORT 1924

Jan. 3, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga.	\$ 6.01	\$ 21.31	\$ 27.32
Jan. 9, Christ, Birmingham, Ala.	40.00	110.00	150.00
Jan. 14, St. Mark's, Sumter Co., Ga.	3.44	12.20	15.64
Jan. 14, St. Paul's, Bronwood, Ga.	2.48	8.79	11.27
Jan. 14, Bethel, Effingham Co., Ga.	11.49	40.74	52.23
Jan. 14, St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga.	16.29	57.76	74.05
Feb. 9, Ch. of Reformation, Savannah, Ga.	14.04	49.54	*63.58
Feb. 19, St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla.	153.30	543.12	*696.42
 Total	 \$247.05	 \$843.46	 \$1090.51

These congregations are given credit for above payments on 1924 apportionment, but they will not appear on auditor's report until next year.

*Apportionment paid in full.

The following congregations paid their apportionment in full for year 1924:

Grace, Stillwell, Georgia.
 Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.
 Holy Trinity, Springfield, Georgia.
 St. James, Brunswick, Georgia.
 St. Philip's, Senoia, Georgia.
 Grace, Lakeland, Florida.
 Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga.
 St. Luke's, Oglethorpe, Georgia.
 Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Georgia.
 St. Paul's, Savannah, Georgia.
 Mt. Olivet, Marlow, Georgia.

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Trinity, St. Petersburg, Florida.
Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Georgia.
St. John's, Jacksonville, Florida.

The following congregations paid their apportionment in full for the months of November and December 1922:

Grace, Stillwell, Ga.
Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga.
St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga.
St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla.
Grace, Lakeland, Fla.
St. Luke's, Oglethorpe, Ga.
Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga.
Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Miller Chapel, Effingham Co., Ga.
Mt. Olivet, Marlow, Ga.
(a) Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.
(a) Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga.
(b) St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.
(a) Paid in full in December 1922.
(b) Paid part in December 1922, balance in 1924, see report.

The following congregations paid nothing on apportionment for the year of 1924:

St. John's, Broadhurst, Ga.
St. Michael's, Muscadine, Ga.
Mt. Zion, Macon County, Ga.
St. John's, Macon County, Ga.
St. John's, Weirsdale, Fla.

The following congregations paid nothing on their apportionment for the months of November and December 1922:

Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.
Wingard Memorial, Clyo, Ga.
Laurel Hill, Effingham Co., Ga.
Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla., Route A.
Christ Church, Birmingham, Ala.
St. James, Brunswick, Ga.
St. John's, Rincon, Ga.
Jerusalem, Effingham Co., Ga.
Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga.
St. Michael's, Muscadine, Ala.
Mt. Zion, Macon Co., Ga.
St. John's, Macon Co., Ga.
St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga.
St. Mark's, Plains, Ga.
St. Paul's, Plains, Ga.
St. Mark's, DeSoto City, Fla.

UNAPPORTIONED BENEVOLENCE

Receipts

1924

Jan. 1. Balance on hand	\$ 57.30
Jan. 19, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., World Service	5.00
Jan. 19, Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga., European Relief	14.00
Jan. 19, Bethel, Effingham Co., Ga., Orphan Home	9.25
Jan. 19, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., German Relief	10.00
Jan. 19, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Ministerial Relief	47.91
Jan. 22, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Near East Relief	13.66
Jan. 23, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., European Relief	20.00
Jan. 24, Christ Church, Cullman, Ala., World Service	34.50
Jan. 29, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	50.00
Jan. 29, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Ministerial Relief	100.00
Jan. 30, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	87.83
Jan. 30, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., World Service	488.50
Feb. 6, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., World Service	50.00
Feb. 13, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., World Service	227.00
Feb. 13, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., European Relief	97.15
Feb. 19, St. Phillip's, Senoia, Ga., World Service	42.50
Feb. 19, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., World Service	94.00
Feb. 19, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Support of Student at Newberry College	54.50
Feb. 19, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.	20.00
Feb. 20, Christ English Church, Cullman, Ala., World Service	16.50
Feb. 20, Christ English Church, Cullman, Ala., Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.	10.00
Feb. 20, St. John's, Weirsdale, Fla., World Service	5.00
Mar. 3, Grace, Stillwell, Ga., Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.	6.35
Mar. 4, St. Phillip's, Senoia, Ga., F. M. F. Fund	24.00
Mar. 6, Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla., World Service	225.00
Mar. 10, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., F. M. F. Fund	31.00
Mar. 10, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.	26.20
Mar. 12, St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla., World Service	203.28
Mar. 12, Jerusalem Church, Effingham Co., Ga., F. M. F. Fund	43.75
Mar. 12, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., World Service	11.00
Mar. 13, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., World Service	97.75
Mar. 17, St. John's, Rincon, Ga., Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.	1.69
Mar. 17, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., American Bible Society	10.00
Mar. 17, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.	13.21

Mar. 19, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., World Service.....	69.25
Mar. 19, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.	3.79
Apr. 1, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.	75.00
Apr. 2, Ebenezer Conference, Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.	30.00
Apr. 10, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., American Bible Society.....	15.12
Apr. 11, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., F. M. F. Fund.....	50.00
Apr. 11, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	63.58
Apr. 12, Laurel Hill, Effingham Co., Ga., World Service.....	21.35
Apr. 18, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Support of Student at Newberry College.....	34.75
Apr. 21, Jerusalem (Ebenezer) Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.	34.02
Apr. 21, Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga., World Service.....	9.25
May 6, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., World Service.....	10.35
May 7, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., World Service.....	5.00
June 11, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., F. M. F. Fund.....	5.00
June 16, St. John's, Rincon, Ga., Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.	5.00
July 7, Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla., Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.	15.00
July 8, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., F. M. F. Fund.....	100.00
July 8, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.	6.31
July 22, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., World Service.....	22.10
July 22, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Foreign Missions (Japan Kindergarten)	20.00
July 22, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.	13.00
July 26, St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga., Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.	6.00
July 31, Bethel, Effingham Co., Ga., Missions.....	11.25
Aug. 1, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	10.00
Sept. 4, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.	25.00
Sept. 24, Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	7.00
Sept. 24, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	16.21
Sept. 25, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Support of Student at Newberry College.....	50.00
Oct. 5, St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	11.32
Oct. 5, St. Mark's, Sumter Co., Ga., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	7.05

Oct. 11, Christ English Church, Cullman, Ala., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	10.53
Oct. 14, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	20.00
Oct. 18, Bethel, Effingham Co., Ga., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	5.32
Oct. 18, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Support of Student at Newberry College.....	25.00
Oct. 21, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., F. M. F. Fund.....	50.00
Oct. 21, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	50.75
Nov. 11, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Support of Student at Newberry College.....	25.00
Nov. 12, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	31.28
Nov. 12, Grace, Lakeland, Fla., F. M. F. Fund.....	55.00
Nov. 19, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., American Bible Society.....	5.00
Nov. 22, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., for Support of Japanese Student	40.00
Dec. 6, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	33.90
Dec. 6, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	33.90
Dec. 6, St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Ministerial Relief.....	20.00
Dec. 6, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Support of student at Newberry College	50.00
Dec. 8, St. John's, Rincon, Ga., Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	2.50
Dec. 10, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	42.47
Dec. 11, Grace, Lakeland, Fla., World Service.....	11.17
Dec. 16, Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Support of Student at Newberry College	25.00
Dec. 22, St. Luke's, Oglethorpe, Ga., Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	25.00
Dec. 22, Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga., Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	7.00
Dec. 22, Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga., Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.	6.09
Dec. 29, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Ministerial Relief.....	35.27
Dec. 29, Jerusalem (Ebenezer), Foreign Missions.....	5.00
Dec. 30, St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	17.80

Dec. 30, St. Phillip's, Senoia, Ga., Ministerial Relief.....	24.25
Dec. 30, St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla., F. M. F. Fund.....	35.00
 Total	 \$3,691.76
Disbursed	\$3,688.07
Deficit on loan authorized by the Executive Committee of Synod to Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., for the account of student at Newberry College	\$ 50.00
Deficit on loan authorized by the Executive Committee of Synod to complete Synod's quota on increase of professors salaries at the Theological Seminary	43.68
 \$3,688.07	 \$3,785.44
Balance on hand January 1, 1925.....	\$ 97.37

DISBURSEMENTS

1924

Jan. 26, E. Clarence Miller, Ministerial Relief.....	\$ 47.91
Jan. 26, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.....	51.55
Jan. 26, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	83.50
Jan. 26, E. Clarence Miller, F. M. F. Fund.....	15.00
Feb. 5, Mathew F. Land, Near East Relief.....	13.66
Feb. 18, E. Clarence Miller, Ministerial Relief.....	100.00
Feb. 18, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	812.65
Feb. 18, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	50.00
Feb. 18, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.....	137.83
Mar. 17, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	695.03
Mar. 17, E. Clarence Miller, F. M. F. Fund.....	98.75
Mar. 17, E. Clarence Miller, American Bible Society.....	10.00
Mar. 17, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	54.50
Apr. 12, Rev. J. B. Ficklen, Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.....	40.00
Apr. 18, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	90.60
Apr. 18, E. Clarence Miller, F. M. F. Fund.....	50.00
Apr. 18, E. Clarence Miller, American Bible Society.....	15.12
Apr. 18, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.....	63.58
Apr. 18, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	34.75
Apr. 23, Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.....	30.00
May 1, Rev. J. B. Ficklen, Finnish Colony, McKinnon, Ga.....	40.00
May 1, Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.	176.88
June 7, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	24.60
July 11, E. Clarence Miller, F. M. F. Fund.....	105.00
Sept. 25, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	100.00
Sept. 25, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	50.00

Oct. 16, E. Clarence Miller, Home Missions.....	5.63
Oct. 16, E. Clarence Miller, Foreign Missions	5.62
Oct. 16, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	22.10
Oct. 16, E. Clarence Miller, Foreign Missions (Japan Kindergarten)	20.00
Oct. 21, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	25.00
Nov. 10, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.....	10.00
Nov. 10, Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.....	128.18
Nov. 13, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	25.00
Dec. 3, Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.....	31.28
Dec. 4, E. Clarence Miller, American Bible Society.....	5.00
Dec. 4, E. Clarence Miller, F. M. F. Fund.....	55.00
Dec. 4, E. Clarence Miller, For Support of Japanese Student.....	40.00
Dec. 17, Prof. R. A. Goodman, Newberry College.....	25.00
Dec. 22, E. Clarence Miller, Ministerial Relief.....	20.00
Dec. 22, E. Clarence Miller, World Service.....	11.17
Dec. 22, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.....	78.81
Dec. 22, Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.....	33.90
Dec. 31, Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C.....	6.09
Dec. 31, Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.....	49.80
Dec. 31, E. Clarence Miller, Foreign Missions.....	5.00
Dec. 31, E. Clarence Miller, Ministerial Relief.....	59.52
Dec. 31, E. Clarence Miller, F. M. F. Fund.....	35.00
 Total	 \$3,688.07

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. GNANN, Treasurer.

January 16th, 1925.

The Report was adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Evangelical Synod and Ministerium
of Georgia and Adjacent States.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions received from your Treasurer, Dr. R. L. Gnann, I have made an examination of the books and records of the Treasurer of your body from January 1st, 1924 to December 31st, 1924.

The following is a condensed summary of the financial transactions of the Synod for year 1924.

RECEIPTS

	Synodical Purposes	U. L. C. In America	Unapportioned Benevolence	Total
Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1924	\$ 930.71	\$ 970.91	\$ 57.30	\$ 1,958.92
Received from Churches	2,417.46	8,236.21	3,634.46	14,288.13
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	\$3,348.17	\$9,207.12	\$3,691.76	\$16,247.05

Interest on Savings Acct. 17.93

Total Receipts	\$3,348.17	\$9,207.12	\$3,691.76	\$16,264.98
DISBURSEMENTS	1,917.91	9,039.92	3,594.39	14,552.22

Balance Cash in Bank \$1,430.26 \$ 167.20 \$ 97.37 \$ 1,712.76

Add: Certificate of Deposit

No. 722 Peoples Bank of

Savannah, Ga. 819.12 2,395.63 947.52 4,162.27

Net Bal. Dec. 31, 1924 \$2,249.38 \$2,562.83 \$1,044.89 \$ 5,875.03

The following Bank Reconciliation shows the Treasurer's Cash Account to be in agreement with Bank Account.

Balance as Per Bank Statement December 31, 1924 \$3,704.47

Cash on Hand December 31, 1924, Deposited January 3, 1925 195.24

\$3,899.71

Less: Checks Outstanding	No. 97	\$ 801.33
	No. 98	20.00
	No. 99	11.17
	No. 100	78.87
	No. 102	41.66
	No. 103	92.79
	No. 104	46.39
	No. 105	6.09
	No. 106	49.80
	No. 107	1,457.26
	No. 108	5.00
	No. 109	59.52
	No. 110	35.00
		2,704.88

Bal. Deposit Citizens & Southern Bank as Per Treasurer's Books \$1,194.83

Summary of Bank Balances—

Bal. Deposit Citizens & Southern Bank, Open Account \$1,194.83

Bal. Deposit Citizens & Southern Bank, Savings Account 517.93

Certificate of Deposit, Peoples Bank 4,162.27

Net Balance December 31, 1924 \$5,875.03

I examined all of the cancelled checks issued during the period under review and found them to be correct. All the disbursements were supported by vouchers, which upon comparison with the entries in the books were found to be correct. All receipts were found to have been deposited in your depository.

In conclusion I wish to state that I found that the books and records were kept in the usual good manner, and I have no criticism to make.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. HOLLAND,
Certified Public Accountant.

Upon motion the matter of the method of reporting the \$4,162.27 claimed of the People's Bank of Savannah, Ga., was referred to the Executive Committee.

A motion was also carried that the Executive Committee be empowered to insure the deposit of Synod's funds to the amount which, in their judgment, the amount of Synod's deposits would justify.

The Rev. M. J. Epting presented the

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION

The Ministerial Session recommends,

I. The acceptance of the following as beneficiaries upon the funds of Synod in their preparation for the Gospel ministry:

- (a) Mr. Edwin D. Zeigler.
- (b) Mr. Fulton B. Counts.
- (c) Mr. Cecil C. Helmly.

II. The adoption of the following:

1. That a physical examination annually be required of all who apply for beneficiary relations and financial aid, the examination to be made by a physician designated by the Examining Committee, the result of the examination to be certified by the physician and the certificate to accompany the application.

2. That the Synod establish in the adoption of this item the rule that, except in unusual cases, no financial assistance shall be given any applicant until said applicant shall be prepared for the Freehman Class in College, taking the full prescribed course and including the Greek language.

III. The reception, as members of this Synod, of the following:

- (a) Rev. B. D. Wessinger.
- (b) Rev. B. S. Dasher.
- (c) Rev. F. L. Lineberger.
- (d) Rev. Chas. M. Coffelt.
- (e) Rev. W. A. Lutz.
- (f) Rev. G. A. Stoudemayer.

The report was received and adopted item by item. When all the recommendations had been adopted the report was adopted as a whole.

Synod then proceeded to the election of officers. Dr. L. E. Shealy, and Messrs. Dugald F. Barthelmess and H. C. Dominic were appointed tellers.

The Rev. W. E. Pugh was reelected President on the first ballot, but requested Synod to relieve him of the duty of serving. The request was granted and the balloting was resumed.

The results of the election are as follows:

President—Rev. W. Hoppe.

Secretary—Rev. L. W. Strickler.

Treasurer—R. L. Gnann, D. D. S.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for the Rev. M. J. Epting as the clerical representative on the Executive Committee and for Mr. J. H. Paulsen as the lay representative on that committee.

The Rev. H. E. Henning was elected Statistician upon the unanimous ballot of Synod cast by the Secretary.

The first Session adjourned with prayer by the Rev. W. A. Reiser.

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday Morning, February 18, 1925, 9 A. M.

The Second Session was opened by the Rev. E. B. Keisler with a devotional service, using the Matins.

The roll was then called and the Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The Rev. L. W. Strickler presented the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee respectfully presents the following report to Synod:

I. MEETINGS.

Three meetings of the Committee were held since the last convention of Synod: November 2, 1923; May 19, 1924, and December 4, 1924. All meetings were held in Savannah.

II. INFORMATION.

1. (a) At the November meeting, the Rev. W. Hoppe presented his resignation as a member of the Executive Committee together with the reasons for it. The resignation was accepted with regret.

(b) At this same meeting, the Rev. M. J. Epting was elected to fill the vacancy referred to above. Dr. Epting accepted the election and attended the two meetings held since then. The committee is composed of the officers of Synod, the Rev. M. J. Epting, clerical representative, and Mr. J. H. Paulsen, lay representative.

2. The action of the Executive Committee relative to the Finnish Colony at McKinnon, Ga., is reported by the Mission Committee.

3. An appropriation of \$25.00 per month was made by the Committee toward the salary of a pastor in the Macon County Pastorate. The Committee also assisted the pastorate in its efforts to secure a pastor.

4. The sum of \$9.00 was appropriated to cover the cost of mailing the *Daily Lutheran*, published during the U. L. C. A. Convention in Chicago, to every member on the clerical roll of Synod.

5. The Board of Trustees of the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., made an appeal last spring to the supporting synods of this institution for special gifts which would make possible an increase for that year in the salaries of each of its professors—Dr. A. G. Voigt's from \$1,740.00 to \$2,500.00; Dr. J. W. Horine's and Dr. C. K. Bell's each from \$1,650.00 to \$2,250.00—the proposed increased endowment of \$300,000.00 to take care of the increase after that year. The Executive Committee gave hearty endorsement to this movement, and the entire amount asked of this Synod, \$176.88, has been given for that purpose.

6. Robert L. Holland, certified public accountant, was designated by the committee as the accountant to audit the Treasurer's books for the year 1924. This audit has been made and the Treasurer's books have been found to be in excellent condition.

7. Two hundred and fifty copies of the constitution adopted by the Synod at its last convention have been printed. A part of them has been distributed to all the various pastorates, and the remainder is in the possession of the Secretary.

8. The Committee authorized the payment of the expenses of the delegates to the Fourth Biennial Convention of the U. L. C. in Chicago.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The Committee authorized the Treasurer to forward \$176.88, Synod's proportionate share of the total amount necessary to increase the professors' salaries at the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary, as au-

thorized by the Board. The Committee instructed the Chairman to send circular letters to all members in regard to the matter. In response \$133.20 was received, leaving a deficit of \$43.68. The Committee requests the approval of its action by Synod.

2. In response to a request from the Church of the Redeemer of Atlanta which is supporting Student Edw. D. Zeigler at Newberry College, the Committee authorized the Treasurer to advance \$100.00 as an accommodation, with the assurance that it would be returned in a few months. \$50.00 of that amount has already been returned. The Committee requests the approval of its action by Synod.

IV. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. With reference to the matter referred to the Executive Committee on page 16, paragraph 3 of the Minutes of Synod for 1923, the President of the U. L. C. was advised that any date except January is satisfactory to the Georgia Synod for the holding of the U. L. C. Convention.

2. The item on page 32 of the same minutes which was referred to the Executive Committee was tabled for want of necessary information. The item on page 35, last paragraph, was also tabled.

3. The Rev. W. Hoppe was appointed as the representative of the Georgia Synod on the Assembly Grounds Commission.

V. APPORTIONMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

1. The Committee recommends the following per capita apportionment for the confirmed membership of Synod:

For Synodical purposes	\$.70
For the U. L. C. A.	2.48

Total \$ 3.18

2. The following appropriations are recommended for the year 1925:

1. For the support of Synod's beneficiaries*	\$525.00
2. Toward the salary of the Field Missionary	500.00
3. Toward the salary of a pastor at Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla.	300.00
4. Toward the salary of the pastor at the Macon County Pastorate	300.00
5. For the contingent expenses of the Executive Committee	125.00
6. For the salary of the Treasurer of Synod	25.00
7. For the salary of the Secretary of Synod	25.00
8. For the expense of the President of Synod	25.00
9. For the expense of the Secretary of Synod	10.00
10. For the expense of the Committee on Students for the Ministry	5.00
11. For the expense of the Committee on Inner Mission	5.00
12. For the expense of the Committee on Boys' Work	5.00
13. For the expense of the Statistician	5.00
14. For printing and distributing the Minutes of Synod, as much as needed.	

15. An apportionment of ten cents per capita to Summerland and Newberry Colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. STRICKLER, *Secretary.*

*The beneficiaries of Synod are the following:

Mr. D. W. Zipperer, Senior Class, Theological Seminary	\$175.00
Mr. W. H. Lefstead, Junior Class, Theological Seminary	175.00
Mr. Fulton B. Counts, Junior Class, Theological Seminary	175.00
Mr. Edwin D. Zeigler, Freshman Class, Newberry College, supported through the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta	250.00
Mr. Cecil C. Helmly, Freshman Class, Newberry College, supported through the Church of the Resurrection, Augusta	200.00

The report was received and considered item by item. Items I and II were received as information. Items III, IV and V were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. W. E. Pugh read

THE REPORT OF MISSION COMMITTEE

Your Committee held three regular meetings during the synodical year. All meetings were held in Savannah, and on the following dates: December 4, 1923; July 8, 1924, and December 4, 1924.

The members of the Committee for the year are: Revs. W. E. Pugh, T. W. Shealy, and E. B. Keisler, and Messrs. J. Henry Behr and H. E. Seckinger. After accepting the work of Field Missionary under the supervision of the Synod and the Board of Home Missions, Pastor Keisler resigned from the Committee. Dr. M. J. Epting was appointed to fill the unexpired term. Rev. W. E. Pugh served as Chairman of the Committee, and Rev. K. L. Reisner as secretary.

In consultation with General Superintendent Hancher of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension the following appropriations on pastor's salary have been made to the several missions named:

St. James', Brunswick, Ga., Rev. W. A. Lutz, pastor	\$1,200
Christ English, Birmingham, Ala., Rev. C. M. Coffelt, pastor	1,000
Grace, Lakeland, Fla., Rev. B. D. Wessinger, pastor	920
Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga., Rev. L. W. Strickler, pastor	1,200
Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla., Rev. W. E. Pugh, pastor	800
DeSoto Parish, DeSoto, Fla., Rev. John L. Yonce, pastor	800
Christ Church, Cullman, Ala., Rev. H. E. Henning, pastor	200

A new arrangement is contemplated for St. John's, Weirsdale, Fla., effective March 1, 1925, and the appropriation of \$300 to this point was not renewed.

In addition to the work done through the Board of Home Missions of the United Lutheran Church, your Committee has continued the appropri-

ation at the rate of \$300 per year to Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla., out of Synod's funds. The same amount has also been appropriated, and approved by the Executive Committee, on pastor's salary for the Macon County Parish.

In response to a petition from Christ Church, Cullman, Ala., an appropriation on pastor's salary at the rate of \$200 per year was granted. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions also assisted in financing the new church at this point to the extent of a loan of \$2,000. The Board also renewed its appropriation to the Church of the Redeemer, Macon, in the payment of 6 per cent interest on the remaining first mortgage indebtedness.

The Synod's desire has at last been consummated in the acceptance by the Rev. E. B. Keisler of the call to become Field Missionary. The support of our Field Missionary in the matter of salary is \$2,500 a year, the Board assuming \$2,000 of this amount and the Synod the remainder.

Field Missionary Keisler entered upon the work September 1, 1924. To fill an emergency his first service was rendered as supply for a month at Christ Church, Birmingham. October first he moved to St. Augustine, Fla. During the summer vacation period Student Miles had done supply and survey work in St. Augustine, as a result of which we were quite soon able to organize a congregation. Accordingly on Sunday, December 28, 1924, the organization of Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Augustine, Fla., with 18 charter members was effected.

Missionary Keisler also holds services in Daytona, Fla. The prospect is that a church will be organized in this city at an early date.

The following mission points are without regular pastors:

DeSoto Parish, DeSoto, Fla., Rev. J. L. Yonce, supply.

St. John's, Weirsdale, Fla., vacant after March 1, 1925.

Bethlehem, Lake City, Fla., vacant.

All other mission churches have regular pastors, we are happy to state. In each mission faithful and devoted service has been rendered by pastors and people. Each congregation is striving to do effective work in its own locality, and is not unmindful of the wider field of service of the entire Church. Auxiliary organizations in many of the congregations are rendering splendid service along varied lines.

Your Committee, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, investigated the possibilities and attempted to find our duty in regard to the Finnish Colony located at McKinnon, Ga. Early last spring it was agreed to assume partial support of the teacher in the Colony placed there originally by the Presbyterian Synod of Georgia, and in this way perhaps be able to gain an entrance for our Synod. The Colony being made up of Lutheran people chiefly, this plan would be more acceptable to them. But later in the summer it was learned that a young woman, a member of one of the Finnish families, had been employed to teach the children in the Colony this winter. This changed the situation in so far as the placing by the Synod of a teacher who would also do religious work is concerned. At its meeting

December 4, 1924, your Committee decided to ask Pastor Lutz of Brunswick to visit the Colony, and offered to bear his necessary expense in doing so. In this way it is hoped religious care of the Colony will be provided.

Deeply impressed with the vastness of Synod's home mission field as to extent and possibilities, appreciative of the sustained and sympathetic support given the work by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and by the Synod, this report is submitted, with the earnest prayer that God's blessings may abide upon all our endeavors to plant the Church of our faith in this our favored land.

Respectfully,
THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The report was received as information.

In presenting this report, the President gave additional information regarding the work of the Committee. He expressed appreciation of the splendid co-operation given by the Board of Home Missions. He then asked that each of the various pastors of mission points be given the privilege of reporting on their work. The following pastors responded:

The Revs. W. A. Lutz, Brunswick, Ga.; Chas. M. Cofelt, Birmingham, Ala.; B. D. Wessinger, Lakeland, Fla.; L. W. Strickler, Macon, Ga.; Geo. A. Stoudemayer, Oglethorpe, Ga.; H. E. Henning, Cullman, Ala.; W. E. Pugh, St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Rev. E. B. Keisler read the following

REPORT OF THE FIELD MISSIONARY

As the most of you are aware I entered upon the work as Field Missionary on September 1st of last year. It was planned by the proper authorities that my first point of activity should be St. Augustine, Fla. However, when the 1st of September arrived it was found that an emergency existed at Christ English Church, Birmingham, Ala. Your field missionary was therefore sent to that point for a period of five weeks. While at Birmingham I preached on Sunday and spent the week days soliciting necessary funds from the members and friends of the congregation. Due to the generosity of those canvassed and others the emergency was successfully overcome.

On the 11th of October I arrived in St. Augustine, Fla. Since that date the larger part of my time and efforts have been spent in that city. However, in the latter part of November, I visited down the East Coast, stopping off at Daytona, Fort Pierce, and Miami. No Lutherans were found at Fort Pierce. There were *three* found in *Miami* belonging to our Synod. Almost twenty who ought to be counted upon for charter members of a congregation have been found in Daytona. Because of this fact since November 30th, I have divided my time between Daytona and St. Augustine, preaching at St. Augustine in the morning and at Daytona in the evening. At both points the services are held in the Moose hall and for the privilege a rental is paid.

On December 14, 1924, an organization was perfected at St. Augustine. Gen. Supt. Hancher was present and preached besides rendering other valuable aid. The name of the organization is *Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of St. Augustine, Fla.* The charter membership is eighteen. The efforts of Student A. H. Miles who spent the summer in St. Augustine made it possible for the organization to be perfected as early as it was. This organization has a very active little Sunday School as well as a wide-awake Ladies' Aid Society.

At Daytona no organization has been perfected. It is hoped and expected that by Easter there will be an organized congregation at this point also. At present there is no Sunday School. This is due to the difficulty of securing a suitable place to meet at a desirable time.

The following figures will show something of the activity of your field missionary. Before November 1st no permanent record was kept. Hence the figures given cover only the period from November 1 to February 16.

Sermons preached, 29.

Children baptized, 7.

Adults confirmed, 11.

Calls made, 506.

The Lutheran Church now has her opportunities to reclaim her own in the great State of Florida, as well as to discharge her obligation, to some extent at least, to the great numbers of the unchurched. She dare not fail to realize this.

The one great need which confronts the organization at St. Augustine is permanent property of her own. There should be at a date as early as possible a lot and at least a chapel which she could call her own. The need is imperative. To delay is fraught with peril.

The sincere thanks of the field missionary are here publicly expressed to all those who have aided in his work. Especially does he thank Dr. W. Hoppe and his Bible School for a gift of six copies of Gerberding's "Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church." These have been distributed as loans to individuals. They have been read with a great deal of interest and, I am sure, with profit. The field missionary joins the congregation at St. Augustine in sincere thanks to Rev. W. H. Hiller and his congregation for the gift of a Communion Service. Mention may also be made that Gen. Supt. Hancher furnished the field missionary with a Communion Service to be used, as long as he is field missionary, in administering the Lord's Supper to the scattered Lutherans of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. KEISLER, *Field Missionary.*

The Rev. W. Hoppe offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, that all resolutions passed by the Synod at its recent conventions (of the past ten years) which have the purport and are in reality Standing Rules of the Synod be printed on a separate page of the Minutes hereafter.

Resolutions presented to the Synod involving action extending beyond a Convention of the Synod shall be designed as Standing Rules.

Resolved, that the expenses of the delegates to the United Lutheran Church in America and to sister Synods, and the representatives of the Synod to the Boards of our Institutions, where required, and of committees and commissions appointed, or authorized to be appointed, by the Synod be paid by the Treasurer from the funds of the Synod after approval as provided in the Constitution. (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, that the Synod elect annually a Statistician of the Synod. (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, that all reports be presented to the Secretary in duplicate and all motions and resolutions be presented in writing. (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, that a Press Committee be appointed for each Convention of the Synod by the President. In its appointment the President need not confine himself to the delegates to the Synod. (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, that a Committee on Resolutions be appointed by the President which shall report before the closing session of each Convention. (Standing Rule.)

Resolved, that all honorary titles be omitted in the Minutes of the Synod, except in the roster of the Synod. (Standing Rule.)

All of these resolutions were adopted.

The Rev. W. Hoppe presented the

REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUNDS.

To Synod of Virginia, United Synod of North Carolina, Synod of South Carolina, Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States.

Your Committee respectfully reports:

That on the 12th day of January, 1924, the Article of Incorporation of the Lutheran Assembly Grounds, Inc., was filed in the office of the Secretary of State for the State of North Carolina, and a Certificate of Incorporation was issued to the Lutheran Assembly Grounds, Inc.—a non-stock corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina. That the corporation was organized by the incorporators accepting this charter at a meeting held at Salisbury, North Carolina, on January 25th, 1924. That by appropriate resolutions the Committee, composed of Reverend Jacob L. Morgan, D. D., W. K. Mauney, F. S. Habernicht and Louis M. Swink were appointed to select Assembly Grounds and make report thereof.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. W. E. Pugh presented the
REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION OF
THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Fourth Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America was held in the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill., October 21-29, 1924. The following delegates from the Georgia Synod attended the Convention: Revs. W. E. Pugh, T. W. Shealy, and Mr. W. B. Clarke. Lay Delegate H. C. Lorick was unable to attend, and neither of the alternate lay delegates found it possible to do so.

The Convention will perhaps be recorded as one of the greatest of any like gathering of the Lutheran Church in America. A deep sense of duty and responsibility permeated the entire assembly, and at the same time there was present a splendid spirit of enthusiastic devotion that assures the completion of all plans and programs that were adopted by the Convention. All recommendations of Boards and Committee were thoroughly examined before being approved, and the thoroughly democratic character of the Church's policy of action demonstrated. There was present no outstanding indications pointing to anything but the earnest desire for co-operation in Christian service and complete and full loyalty to the faith of the Church.

Among the many plans laid by the Convention we would call especial attention to two of them. We refer to the forward movement of the Board of Foreign Missions, approved by the Convention, whereby the United Lutheran Church in America enters the great country of China in the program of preaching the Gospel to every creature. The other is the provision for the immediate merging of a group of domestic Boards into one Board, to be known as the Board of American Missions.

The Convention accepted the invitation to hold the next biennial meeting in Richmond, Va. The time set by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church is October 19, 1926.

A meeting of the United Synod in the South was held on Tuesday, October 20 according to previous call by that Body. No business of record was transacted. At this time, however, it was informally agreed to hold a voluntary conference of members of Southern Synods. The time and place of such a conference is yet to be arranged.

The following matters were referred by the Convention to the District Synods for consideration and action:

1. Constitution of the United Lutheran Church, article IX, section 1, reads: "The Officers of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each regular Convention and shall serve until their successors are elected. The President, who shall be an ordained minister, and the Secretary shall be chosen from the delegates present."

It is recommended by the United Lutheran Church that this article be amended so as to read: "The officers of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President

shall be an ordained minister of the Church. The officers shall be elected by ballot at each regular Convention, but shall not take office until the first day of the third month after their election." Minutes, page 48. Action, p. 24.

2. "That the Convention recommend to the congregations through district synods that the pastors be urged to emphasize stewardship during the month of November:

(a) Through sermons.

(b) Through the Sunday School: Class instruction and discussion and especially organized discussion groups.

(c) Through the young people's organizations by pageants, playlets and study groups.

(d) In the women's organizations, through the presentation of topic studies and discussion.

(e) In the Brotherhood (as in d above).

(f) Through the distribution of suitable literature." Minutes p. 108.

3. Concerning the apportionment in full: "Resolved, That the United Lutheran Church in Convention assembled urge upon all its constituent Synods the importance of their giving fullest support to the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement in their continued vigorous organized efforts to accomplish the raising of the apportionment in full in each of the Synods of the United Lutheran Church for the biennium 1926 and 1927. Each constituent Synod is further requested to take definite action on the matter at the next convention." Minutes p. 161.

4. Concerning the recommendation of the Board of Education adopted by the Convention: "Resolved, That the Synods and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be urged to co-operate in securing and equipping adequate church or school buildings, or other facilities, for the better service of our Lutheran students in non-Lutheran educational centers." Minutes p. 325, Res. 5.

5. Concerning Statistical Secretaries: "That the constituent Synods again be requested to make provision for the presence of their Statistical Secretaries at future Conventions of the United Lutheran Church in order that they may attend the conference of the Statistical Secretaries at the time of the Convention." Minutes p. 454, items 1 to 5 inclusive. Action pp. 461 and 496.

6. Concerning necrological reports: "Resolved, That we request the necrological report of the various Synods be published on separate sheets, so that they can be readily removed and placed in loose leaf folders by the Secretary of the United Lutheran Committee on Necrology..

"That we request that ten copies of the Synodical report be sent to the Secretary." Minutes p. 508.

7. Concerning publicity: "We recommend that the Convention ask all constituent Synods to co-operate with the National Committee on Publicity through their local synodical committees on Publicity." Minutes, p. 498.

8. Concerning reports of membership by Synods. Minutes, p. 61f. *Actio*, page 532, item III, A, 5.

We recommend favorable action by the Synod on these matters referred to us by the United Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. PUGH,
T. W. SHEALY,
W. B. CLARKE.

The report was adopted seriatum and as a whole.

The Rev. W. A. Reiser presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS

The following items have been placed in the hands of this Committee:

1. Report of J. Luther Sieber, president Board of Trustees, Orphan Home, Salem, Va.
2. Report of C. A. Freed, president Board of Trustees, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.
3. Application for membership into Synod from Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Augustine, Fla.
4. Letters relative to "work among Jews" in Southern District.
5. Letters of Rev. G. Wenning, Sanger, Cal., relative to property at Dowling Park, Fla.
6. Invitations to entertain next meeting of Synod have been received from Lakeland, Fla., and Augusta, Ga.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be printed in the Minutes.
2. That the report be printed in the Minutes.
3. That the congregation of Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Augustine, Fla., be received into membership of the Synod, all constitutional requirements having been met.
4. That action in this matter be deferred until the Board of American Missions, U. L. C. A. has formulated its plans.
5. That this letter be read to the Synod.

Committee:

W. A. REISER,
CHAS. A. PHILLIPS,
G. W. SECKINGER,
HENRY E. DREESON.

The report was received and its recommendations considered seriatum. Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted. In adopting item 5 the letter referred to was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act. The report was adopted as a whole.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME
LOCATED AT SALEM, VIRGINIA
1923-1924

The Corporation and Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Orphan Home located at Salem, Virginia, herewith submit the following report of the condition, operation and prospective plans of the Home.

We desire first of all to acknowledge the continued direction and favor of Almighty God. His love and care have ever been over us. In the face of unfavorable housing conditions of which the church should be ashamed He has kept our little ones from the dangers of fire and pestilence and has preserved them in health and strength. For all of which we praise and magnify His Holy Name.

OPERATION

The Home is owned and controlled by a Corporation and Board of Trustees elected by the Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi Synods of the Lutheran Church, (The United Lutheran Synod of the South). This Board meets in regular annual session to hear reports and transact such business as may properly come before it. An Executive Committee of five members elected annually from the Board of Trustees has the direct supervision of the operation of the Home. This committee meets monthly, advises and acts on all matters of operation and audits all accounts. The committee at present is composed of the President of the Board and four able and busy laymen of Roanoke, Salem and Wytheville who give to the Home most valuable time and advice and pay their own expenses to its meetings. The faculty or paid force of the Home consists of the Superintendent, Farm Manager, Matron, Bookkeeper and seven teachers and supervisors, who with full consecration to the work, will perform any duty assigned them. The Church cannot value too highly these consecrated and loyal women of the Home. The pastor of the College Church, Salem, is the pastor of the Home, teaching the catechism and giving spiritual advice without cost to the Home.

At the annual meeting of the Board in June 1924, Rev. E. W. Leslie for several years superintendent of the Home offered his resignation to the Board. His resignation was accepted and the Executive Committee was instructed and authorized to call a superintendent. After a careful survey of the needs of the Home and the available field and after conferences with the leaders of our Inner Mission activities the committee called Mr. Geo. R. Santmiers of Edinburg, Va. Mr. Santmiers has accepted the call and will enter upon his duties about December 1st, 1924.

The new superintendent is unusually well equipped for this important work of the church. He is owner and manager of extensive orchards, farms and poultry business, a splendid executive and disciplinarian, lover of children and actively engaged in every good work. He with his wife and daughter are members of Bethel Lutheran Church, Mount Jackson, Virginia. The committee believes that the church should be congratulated in securing Mr.

Santmiers who comes to this work at a great financial sacrifice. He will be in full and active charge of all the interests of the Home, including the farm.

There are ninety-six children in the Home at this writing, the full capacity of the present quarters. A list of worthy applicants is on file in the office of the Home, awaiting an opportunity to be received.

The annual reports of the Superintendent and Farm Manager are submitted with this report as Exhibit A and B.

FINANCIAL

The Home is entirely supported by offerings voluntarily made by the church and by gifts from individuals in the church. The average monthly operating expense is about \$2,000.00. Through the leadership and wisdom of the late Prof. J. T. Crabtree small funds have been made available for building and endowment purposes. These funds must be greatly increased, if the Home is to fulfill its mission. The Board is therefore submitting with this report plans for a long deferred campaign.

The annual report of the Treasurer together with the report of the auditor for October 1, 1922 to July 1, 1924, is attached to this report as Exhibit C and D.

CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

Having assurance from all the constituent synods that the fall of 1924 would be a convenient time for a Campaign for funds to erect suitable buildings and provide for the maintenance of the Home, the Board at its meeting in June 1924 authorized such a campaign during October and November 1924. The proposed buildings will be erected on the newly acquired Elizabeth College Site. The need is immediately imperative. Detailed plans for both the campaign and buildings are attached to this report as exhibits E and F. These plans were approved at a special meeting of the board on October 7th.

HOME FINDING

It is the purpose of the Board to make use of the Home Finding System as fully as possible as soon as a competent representative of the Home can be engaged for that purpose.

It is also the purpose of the Home under the new superintendent to introduce at once a school of manual training so that our boys and girls may go out from the Home fully prepared to take their places in the various callings of life.

The work of our Orphan's Home offers to the southern church a great challenge. May God in His infinite wisdom so guide and direct us that we may courageously accept this challenge and that none of these little ones may be offended.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

J. LUTHER SIEBER, *President.*

REPORT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Seminary closed the past season with an attendance of sixteen students. While there was no graduating class, there were graduates of former years who received the degree of B. D. for special work done. At the opening of the present session sixteen additional men enrolled, giving the institution the largest enrollment in its history.

During the summer the administration building was painted within and without, necessary repairs were made and many new furnishings for the students rooms purchased. About \$7000 was expended, part of which was required because repairs had been delayed so long. The grounds have also received attention and now contribute to the splendid appearance of the premises.

The Board of Trustees has seen the absolute necessity of increased funds to run the Seminary and set \$300,000 as the amount to be secured. Preliminary work has been done looking to the raising of this money from our churches. However conditions over which we have no control have held up this plan for the present. Dr. W. H. Grever, the Financial Secretary, has been instructed to ask the churches for funds sufficient to pay off the expense of repairs and improvements and to supplement the low salaries of our professors. The amount provided by your Synod for supplementing salaries was most acceptable. Your earnest co-operation is now asked for that the amounts asked of congregations may be secured and that the Seminary may continue near the hearts of your people.

C. A. FREED, *President.*

Dr. C. Sancken presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS IN GEORGIA FOR 1923

Number of churches in Synod	37
Total number of churches heard from	4
Number of churches reporting E. M. C. conducted	4
Number of churches reporting E. M. C. postponed, or not conducted	0
Number of churches reporting E. M. C. but furnishing no figures on Pledged Benevolence	0
Number of churches reporting figures on Pledged Benevolence	4
Amount pledged for Local Church Support	\$19,988.10
Amount pledged for Benevolences	6,689.05

Of the 4 churches heard from, 4 report use of duplex envelope in the church and 3 report the use of the duplex in Sunday School.

The report was received as information.

The Second Session adjourned with prayer by the Rev. W. A. Lutz.

THE THIRD SESSION

Thursday Morning, February 19, 1925, 9 A. M.

The Rev. H. E. Henning, Chaplain, opened the Third Session with a devotional service, using the Matins.

After the Roll Call the minutes of the Second Session were read and approved.

The Rev. Chas. A. Phillips presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

The Committee on Conferences submits the following report: The Ebenezer Conference reports that one regular and one special meeting have been held and the committees appointed in accordance with the Constitution of Synod. In July the Annual Summer School Normal was held.

The Florida Conference reports that one meeting was held last May in St. Petersburg, and a second meeting will be held in Jacksonville soon after Easter.

CHAS. A. PHILLIPS,
C. M. COFFELT,
L. E. SHEALY.

The report was received as information.

The Rev. W. E. Pugh presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Your committee begs to submit the following report:

1. Application for beneficiary aid with the gospel ministry in view was received from the following young men: Edwin D. Zeigler, a member of Jerusalem (Ebenezer) congregation, Effingham County, Ga.; Fulton B. Counts, a member of Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., and Cecil C. Helmly, a member of Jerusalem (Ebenezer) congregation, Effingham County, Ga. These applications were approved by the Committee and referred to the Examining Committee.

2. Two of the above named students, Messrs. Edwin D. Zeigler and Cecil C. Helmly are now in Newberry College in the Freshman class. From reports received from President Derrick of the college these young men are making good progress in their work.

The Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, offered to support a student to the amount of \$250 per scholastic year, and the Committee assigned to this congregation Student Zeigler.

The Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, offered to support a student at the rate of \$200 per scholastic year, and the Committee assigned Student Helmly to this congregation.

3. The Synod, therefore, is now giving beneficiary aid to the following young men, who are preparing for the ministry:

Mr. D. W. Zipperer, Senior class, Theological Seminary	\$175
Mr. W. H. Lefstead, Junior class, Theological Seminary	175
Mr. Fulton B. Counts, Junior class, Theological Seminary	175
Mr. Edwin D. Zeigler, Freshman class, Newberry College, supported through the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta	250
Mr. Cecil C. Helmly, Freshman class, Newberry College, supported through the Church of the Resurrection, Augusta	200

The congregations here named are to be highly commended for their benevolent work in supporting students for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of the Rev. W. Hoppe, the Committee on Ministerial Education was requested to prepare Rules for the supervision of the students for the ministry and present the same to the Synod for its approval at the next convention.

The Rev. W. E. Pugh presented the

REPORT OF THE CO-OPERATING COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF

Since the Chicago Convention the *Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief* (note the change of name, as authorized by the Convention) has been re-organized with Mr. Henry E. Passavant as president and Mr. Peter P. Hagan as treasurer.

Since August 1st the Roll has grown more than ordinarily in a year. We now have 176 retired ministers, 2 disabled ministers, 409 widows and 77 children, as over against 168 retired ministers, 20 disabled ministers, 402 widows and 82 children on that date, making a total increase in the annual cost of \$270.00. Of these there are from your Synod, 1 retired minister, 1 disabled minister, 5 widows and 7 children.

The past year has been full of encouragement. Fifteen thousand dollars of our debt has been paid through special large gifts for the purpose, the deficit in the past year's apportionment has been made up from other gifts, and special gifts for relief have made it possible for us to pay out in this manner \$12,000, adding to the pensions of those who are in need (having personal incomes of not more than the amount of their pensions) four grants ranging from \$12.50 each to \$50, and payable on the 15th of December, March, June and September, beside giving special aid to men in the active ministry into whose lives times of special crisis have come through no fault of their own.

The Christmas offering to the Board at this date (January 8th) is over \$5,000 in excess of the amount received by the same date last year, showing a growing interest in the work and purposes of the Board.

The Chicago Convention set the date for the Campaign as from October 1927-April 1929—one year before and six months after the Convention of 1928.

Resolutions:—Resolved that an offering for Ministerial Pensions and Relief be taken on Ordination night of every meeting of Synod.

Resolved, that the Pastors send lists of names of those who might be interested in the work of the Board in response to the request of the Executive Secretary. A few good names are better than a long list of possibilities.

THE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. H. C. Bell, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Georgia and Adjacent States, was invited to address the Synod. In her review of the work of the Synodical Society she spoke especially of two actions taken by that Society:

First, the Society voted to apply the balance in the hands of its Treasurer from last year's Week of Prayer and Self Denial Offering, and the whole amount of this year's Week of Prayer and Self Denial Offering to the Mission at St. Augustine, Fla.

Second, the Society voted to request, through the proper channels, that the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of the U. L. C. assume St. Augustine as a Woman's Mission.

Upon motion both of these actions were given the most hearty approval of Synod.

When the matter of organizing a State Luther League in Georgia was introduced by the Rev. F. L. Lineberger, Synod declared, upon motion of the Rev. W. Hoppe, that it looks with favor on the organization of a State Luther League for the State of Georgia.

Through an informal verbal report made by the Rev. W. A. Lutz, Synod learned that the people at McKinnon, Georgia, were willing to cede to the Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States, a plot of ground on which to erect a Lutheran Church, provided the Synod would co-operate in the building to the extent of furnishing windows and doors. Upon motion Synod accepted the offer and referred the matter to the Executive Committee.

Upon motion by the Rev. W. A. Reiser, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Synod to accept the invitation of Grace Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Fla., to entertain Synod during its next regular session, and to give first preference to the invitation of the Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., if presented, for entertaining Synod in regular session 1927.

The Rev. F. L. Lineberger presented the
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report: The following absentees have been found:

Reverends John Hall, J. L. Yonce, Herbert C. Bell, Paul M. Counts, John A. Howe and E. C. Witt.

We recommend:

1. That Rev. E. C. Witt be excused as requested by him, on the ground that his work as teacher does not permit him to attend.
2. That Rev. Herbert C. Bell be excused as requested by him, on the ground of distance.
3. That Rev. John A. Hall be excused, he being chaplain in the United States Army.
4. That Rev. Paul M. Counts be excused, he being a foreign missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. E. B. KEISLER,
F. L. LINEBERGER,
O. W. PASSAVANT.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. T. W. Shealy presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Your committee finds no matters in the Minutes of the last meeting which have not been brought before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. SHEALY,
CHAS. SANCKEN.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. W. E. Pugh presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS

According to constitutional provision this Committee is composed of the President of Synod and the Presidents of the Conferences. All matters coming within the scope of this Committee's duties during the past year have been brought to your attention by the President of Synod in his annual Report. We have no recommendations to make.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. PUGH,
W. HOPPE,
W. H. HILLER.

Mr. Otto Kolb presented the
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

"Resolved, that by unanimous vote, we express to Pastor W. H. Hiller and to his faithful people our heartfelt and sincere appreciation of their cordial hospitality and of their splendid and generous manner in which Synod has been entertained in Jacksonville, and that we pray God's blessings upon them, and that we rejoice with them, in the beauty of their services, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the pastor and the congregation through the church council.

Resolved, that Synod by unanimous vote express our thanks to the newspapers of Jacksonville for their generous work in behalf of the meeting of Synod, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the papers.

Resolved, that the Executive Committee see that the janitor be compensated for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. DASHER,
OTTO KOLB,

D. F. BARTHELMESS.

The President read the list of appointments to Standing Committees as they appear on page 3 of these Minutes.

The Minutes of the Third Session were read and adopted.

The Synod adjourned, and the 65th Annual Convention was closed by the President with the use of the Form in the Common Service Book for the Closing of Synods.

L. W. STRICKLER, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF GEORGIA AND ADJACENT STATES—1924

PARISH	CONGREGATION	Index Number	When Organized	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP										ACCESSIONS				LOSSES				CHURCH SCHOOLS				Students					
					Baptized			Confirmed			Child'		Adult		Child'		Adult		Child'		Adult		Sunday		Weekday		Sunday		Weekday			
					No. Subs.	No. S. Subs.	No. S. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.	No. Subs.											
1 Atlanta	Vacant *	1903	Vacant *	Redeemer	536	376	304	17	5	4	10	1	2	2	14	16	30	50	15	34	175	70	55	14	57	17	1	5				
2 Augusta	W. A. Reiser	1921	W. A. Reiser	Reformation	671	445	300	7	2	10	4	2	6	6	60	84	1	37	300	40	1	6	57	17	1	5						
3 Bethel	T. W. Shealy	1872	T. W. Shealy	Bethel	142	123	71	2	3	20	1	5	2	1	7	40	1	10	100	1	1	7	40	1	10	1	5					
4 Bethel	T. W. Shealy	1913	T. W. Shealy	Wingard Memorial	35	30	20	3	3	44	3	3	3	1	1	8	66	1	1	8	75	1	1	8	75	1	1	8	75			
5 Bethel	T. W. Shealy	1912	T. W. Shealy	Holy Trinity	86	79	44	3	3	62	3	3	3	1	1	8	75	1	1	8	75	1	1	8	75	1	1	8	75			
6 Bethel	T. W. Shealy	1912	T. W. Shealy	Laurel Hill	123	95	62	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	8	75	1	1	8	75	1	1	8	75	1	1	8	75			
7 Bethlehem	T. M. Coffelt	1860	Vacant	Bethlehem	97	71	50	2	5	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	36	7	20	1	9	51	9	1	1			
8 Birmingham	C. M. Coffelt	1911	C. M. Coffelt	Christ	115	82	57	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
9 Brunswick	W. A. Lutz	1905	W. A. Lutz	St. James	75	45	37	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
10 Broadhurst	V. J. Henning	1922	H. E. Henning	St. John's	162	115	83	6	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
11 Cullinan	V. J. Henning	1922	H. E. Henning	St. Mark's	25	20	16	1	1	20	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
12 DeSoto Mission	V. J. Henning	1920	V. J. Henning	St. Paul's	25	20	16	1	1	26	20	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			
13 DeSoto Mission	V. J. Henning	1920	V. J. Henning	St. Paul's	34	26	20	2	2	39	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			
14 Ebenezer	V. J. Henning	1922	V. J. Henning	St. Paul's	260	161	130	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
15 Ebenezer	V. J. Henning	1922	V. J. Henning	St. Paul's	36	25	22	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
16 Ebenezer	V. J. Henning	1922	V. J. Henning	St. Paul's	37	24	21	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
17 Ebenezer	V. J. Henning	1922	V. J. Henning	St. Paul's	37	24	21	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
18 Fairlawn-Seniora	V. J. Henning	1911	G. A. Dasher	St. Philip's	52	37	41	2	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
19 Fairlawn-Seniora	V. J. Henning	1911	G. A. Dasher	St. Philip's	52	37	41	2	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
20 Fairlawn	V. J. Henning	1911	G. A. Dasher	St. Philip's	236	113	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
21 Fairlawn	V. J. Henning	1911	G. A. Dasher	St. Philip's	144	88	58	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
22 Macon	V. J. Henning	1909	V. J. Henning	Grace	185	148	68	8	8	9	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
23 Muscadine	V. J. Henning	1914	V. J. Henning	Grace	96	74	40	2	2	5	12	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
24 Gileadhope	V. J. Henning	1870	V. J. Henning	St. Michael's	26	25	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
25 Gileadhope	V. J. Henning	1870	V. J. Henning	St. Michael's	52	53	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
26 Gileadhope	V. J. Henning	1870	V. J. Henning	St. Michael's	65	58	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
27 Plains	V. J. Henning	1870	V. J. Henning	St. Luke's	37	37	19	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
28 Plains	V. J. Henning	1870	V. J. Henning	St. Luke's	81	67	59	2	2	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
29 Plains	V. J. Henning	1870	V. J. Henning	St. Luke's	104	69	48	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
30 Savannah	V. J. Henning	1885	V. J. Henning	Ascension	28	18	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
31 Savannah	V. J. Henning	1885	V. J. Henning	St. Paul's	1564	822	627	12	30	1	17	14	15	1	27	5	8	51	105	7	1	46	277	44	1	9	101	19	1	318	60	110
32 Savannah	V. J. Henning	1885	V. J. Henning	Trinity	977	635	300	16	4	11	10	1	1	1	1	7	6	68	210	1	34	312	35	1	3	110	60	110	110	110	110	
33 St. Petersburg	V. J. Henning	1917	V. J. Henning	Trinity	153	80	76	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
34 Winsteadale	V. J. Henning	1923	V. J. Henning	St. John's	70	26	35	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
35 Zion	V. J. Henning	1872	V. J. Henning	Zion	195	154	100	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	25	1	1	40	35	3	3	3	3	3	3	
36 Zion	V. J. Henning	1888	V. J. Henning	Millet's Chapel	68	36	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
37 Zion	V. J. Henning	1891	V. J. Henning	Mt. Olivet	26	21	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
38 St. Augustine	V. J. Henning	1924	V. J. Henning	Memorial	14	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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Figures in Columns 52, 53, 54 taken from Treasurer's Report.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ministerium

Tuesday, February 17, 1925, 2 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President and opened with prayer by the Rev. A. J. Bowers.

The Rev. M. J. Epting presented the

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Since the last meeting of the Synod applications for beneficiary relation and financial assistance from the following young men were turned over to the Examining Committee by the President of the Synod:

1. Mr. Edwin D. Zeigler, a member of Jerusalem (Ebenezer) congregation, Effingham County, Ga. Date of application, November 22, 1923. The applicant is in the Freshman class, Newberry College.

2. Mr. Fulton B. Counts, a member of Mt. Pilgrim congregation, Haralson, Ga. Date of application, July 29, 1924. The applicant is the son of the sainted Rev. H. P. Counts and the brother of Rev. Paul M. Counts, missionary in Liberia, Africa, and is a graduate of Newberry College, class of 1922. He entered the Theological Seminary in September 1924.

3. Mr. Cecil C. Helmly, a member of Jerusalem (Ebenezer) congregation, Effingham County, Ga. Date of application, September 8, 1924. He is a Freshman in Newberry College.

After making as thorough investigation as was possible, through correspondence and otherwise, the Examining Committee reported to the President of the Synod favorably upon each of the above applications. It was deemed wise to request of the applicants a physical examination. John B. Setzler, M. D., Newberry, S. C., examined Messrs. Zeigler and Helmly. The examination of Mr. Counts was made by James M. Tribble, M. D., Senoia, Ga. Without exception the applicants were pronounced "physically fit" and in a good state of health. The certificates are herewith submitted. The services of the examining physicians were gratuitous.

The committee recommends:

1. That the Ministerial Session request the Synod to take action requiring a physical examination annually of all who apply for beneficiary relations and financial aid, the examination to be made by a physician designated by the Examining Committee, the result of the examination to be certified by the physician and the certificate to accompany the application.

2. That the Ministerial Session recommend to the Synod that it take such action as will establish the rule that, except in very unusual cases, no financial assistance shall be given any applicant until the applicant is prepared to enter the Freshman class in college, taking the full prescribed course and including the Greek language.

The following applications for membership of the Synod by letters of honorable dismission from sister synods of the United Lutheran Church in America have been placed in the hands of the Committee by the President of the Synod:

1. Rev. B. D. Wessinger, from the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. Date, April 23, 1924.

2. Rev. B. S. Dasher, from the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. Date, April 28, 1924.

3. Rev. F. L. Lineberger, from the Michigan Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America. Date, July 28, 1924.

4. Rev. Chas. M. Coffelt, from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania. Date, September 21, 1924.

5. Rev. W. A. Lutz, from the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. Date, October 1, 1924.

6. Rev. G. A. Stoudemayer, from the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States. Date, January 14, 1925.

Your Committee is very happy to report favorably on each of the above applications.

Respectfully,

M. J. EPTING,
T. W. SHEALY,
W. H. HILLER,
W. HOPPE,
W. A. REISER,
C. A. PHILLIPS.

The report was adopted seriatum, and as a whole, after which the Ministerium adjourned.

L. W. STRICKLER, *Secretary.*



Proceedings
OF THE
ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
SYNOD OF GEORGIA AND ADJACENT STATES

HELD IN
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 17-19
1925

DIRECTORY, 1925

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

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Grace, Lakeland, Fla., Mrs. W. M. Riddle, West Lemon St., Lakeland, Fla.
Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. H. C. Bell, 553 Wood St., St. Petersburg, Fla.
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St. Mark's Sumter County, Ga., Miss Mattie Derrick, Bronwood, Ga.
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Grace, Stillwell, Ga., Mrs. E. B. Keisler, Rincon, Ga.
Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga., Mrs. C. F. Griffin, 702 Holt Ave., Macon, Ga.
Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Mrs. E. H. McNeil, 416 Sixth St., Augusta, Ga.
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St. James', Brunswick, Ga., Mrs. John Baumgartner, 405 Wolf St., Brunswick, Ga.
Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. K. L. Reisner, 166 Trinity Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
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St. Mark's, Plains, Ga., Mrs. Luther Hiller, Plains, Ga.
Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., Mrs. Lila Counts, Haralson, Ga.
St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. W. H. Hiller, 609 Laura St., Jacksonville, Fla.
St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Mrs. W. H. Johnson, 315 Best St., Savannah, Ga.
Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Mrs. H. H. Kuck, 205 West 37th St., Savannah, Ga.
Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga., Mrs. G. E. Pacetti, 1108 E. 49th St., Savannah, Ga.
St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga., Mrs. Laura Wise, Plains, Ga.
Rincon, Rincon, Ga., Mrs. H. M. Fischer, Rincon, Ga.
St. Luke's, Oglethorpe, Ga., Miss Fannie Elmore, Oglethorpe, Ga.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY SECRETARIES

St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla., Miss Frieda Arpen, 1111 West Monroe St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Mrs. C. A. Kreps, 209 Broad St., Augusta, Ga.
St. Luke's, Oglethorpe, Ga., Miss Ruth Kleckley, Oglethorpe, Ga.
St. Mark's, Plains, Ga., Miss Bertha Dominick, Plains, Ga.
Church of the Reformation, Savannah, Ga., Mrs. H. H. Harms, 1221 E. 47th St., Savannah, Ga.
Grace, Stillwell, Ga., Miss Winnie Gnann, Stillwell, Ga.
St. James, Brunswick, Ga., Mrs. R. Baumgartner, 405 Wolf Street, Brunswick, Ga.

St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Mrs. A. Roy Hogg, Senoia, Ga.
 Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Mr.s C. D. Schaefer, 19 A. Park St., Atlanta, Ga.
 Jerusalem (Ebenezer), Rincon, Ga., Mrs. O. V. Wilson, Clyo, Ga.
 Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga., Mrs. W. E. Folk, 703 Adams St., Macon, Ga.
 St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Herman Gothe, 528 E. Waldburg St., Savannah, Ga.
 Grace, Lakeland, Fla., Mrs. M. H. Wickman, 205 E. Orange St., Lakeland, Fla.
 Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. O. R. Albright, East 416 Twenty-first St., St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Zion, Marlow, Ga., Miss Laura Wise, Marlow, Ga.
 Bethel, Guyton, Ga., Miss Ruth Shearouse, Rincon, Ga.
 Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga., Mrs. P. H. Addy, Haralson, Ga.
 Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Mrs. J. N. Knight, Savannah, Ga.
 Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga., Mrs. J. W. Hawk, Springfield, Ga.
 Rincon, Rincon, Ga., Mrs. A. D. Gnann, Rincon, Ga.
 Laurel Hill, Clyo, Ga., Miss Clara B. Metzger, Clyo, Ga.
 Miller Chapel, Marlow, Ga., Mrs. K. I. Helmly, Marlow, Ga.
 St. John's, Oglethorpe, Ga., Miss Beulah Pennington, R. F. D. No. 1, Oglethorpe, Ga.

LIGHT BRIGADE SUPERINTENDENTS

St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla., Miss Frieda Arpen, 1111 West Monroe St., Jacksonville, Fla.
 Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., Miss Lalla R. McGraw, 141 B. Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
 St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga., Miss Kate Gray, Senoia, Ga.
 Grace, Stillwell, Ga., Mrs. E. B. Keisler, Rincon, Ga.
 Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., Mrs. J. W. Bowrick, Jr., 448 Watkins St., Augusta, Ga.
 Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga. (Children's Missionary Society), Mrs. C. H. Pointell, 209 Telfair St., Augusta, Ga.
 St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Herman Gothe, 528 E. Waldburg St., Savannah, Ga.
 Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., Miss Lottie Lang, 309 Abercorn St., Savannah, Ga.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Jacksonville, Florida.
Feb. 17, 1925, 2:30 P. M.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States held its Eleventh Annual Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, the guests of St. John's congregation. The Convention was formally opened by the President, Mrs. H. C. Bell, who conducted the opening devotional service. The address of welcome was delivered by Miss Frieda Arpen, and response was made by Mrs. Bell. The Rev. W. H. Hiller brought greetings from the entertaining congregation and from the Synod of Georgia.

The Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Southern District Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions of the United Lutheran Church, addressed the Convention on Home Missions, and the Rev. E. B. Keisler, Field Secretary of the Georgia Synod, spoke on Florida Home Missions.

The President gave a report of the Inter-Denominational Convention held in Washington, D. C., and the First Session was closed with a devotional service.

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, President of the Women's Missionary Society of the South Carolina Synod, and member of the Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church, conducted the opening devotional service.

The Credential Committee reported fourteen delegates and five officers and department secretaries present as follows:

President, Mrs. H. C. Bell.

First Vice-President, Miss Lottie Lang.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Pugh.

Light Brigade Superintendent, Miss Frieda Arpen.

Literature Secretary, Mrs. George Labouseur.

The roll of delegates follows:

Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.—Mrs. J. M. Knight.
 St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.—Mrs. C. H. Barnes.
 St. Luke's, Oglethorpe, Ga.—Miss Ruth Kleckley.
 Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Mrs. George Dietz.
 Zion, Marlow, Ga.—Miss Louise Dasher.
 Church of the Redeemer, Macon, Ga.—Mrs. D. P. Ruff.
 St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga.—Mrs. C. A. Phillips.
 St. Mark's, Sumter County, Ga.—Mrs. J. O. Wyse.
 St. James, Brunswick, Ga.—Mrs. W. A. Lutz.
 Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.—Miss Lalla R. McGraw.
 St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga.—Mrs. B. S. Dasher.
 St. John's, Rincon, Ga.—Mrs. H. M. Fischer.
 St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla.—Mrs. W. H. Hiller.
 Church of the Resurrection—Mrs. George Labouseur.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Credentials: Mrs. Ruff and Mrs. Fischer.
 On President's Report: Miss Lalla McGraw and Mrs. Dietz.
 On Treasurer's Report: Miss A. C. Tiegen and Mrs. C. A. Phillips.
 On Statistical Secretary's Report: Mrs. J. C. Wyse and Miss Louise Dasher.
 Reporters—Lutheran Woman's Work and The Lutheran: Mrs. W. H. Hiller.
 For the local papers: Miss Ruth Kleckley.
 Reports to take home: Mrs. Ruff, Mrs. Fischer and Miss Arpen.
 Committee on Resolutions: Miss Lottie Lang and Mrs. G. L. Labouseur.

Mrs. H. C. Bell presented

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends and Co-workers of the Women's Missionary Society
 of the Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States:

Through the gracious providence of God we are met today in our eleventh annual convention. Surely we can say, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us." When we think of the feeble beginnings of a few years ago, the growth of the work, in number of societies, in the amount of gifts, and in the development of the women, seems almost unbelievable.

We have now twenty-six societies, which means there are eleven congregations unorganized. These are without exception, small, new or very weak pastorless groups. The work of the past eleven years has developed from

nothing in contributions to an amazing total of almost four thousand dollars for the fifteen months which lie between the convention in Savannah and this meeting. When one considers the smallness of our Synod, our scattered territory, the fact that two-thirds of our congregations are rural churches with less than a hundred members, this growth can only be accounted for by the fact that God hath greatly blessed the steady, faithful work of the women in our different congregations. Before the organization of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod, the gifts of the women were largely used, not to supplement the apportionment as today, but to pay the apportionment. Today, the congregations of the Synod are more nearly paying their apportionment than ever before, and in addition this sum has been given by the women and the children for the work assigned by the Church to its Women's Missionary Society.

As one looks over the work of today, several lines stand out to which we should give special attention. The future of the work must be cared for by the organization of both the young women and the children. If we women of our organization are content to have our monthly meetings, to make our more or less reluctant gifts, and to give no thought to the education of our young women and children along missionary lines, the next generation of this Synod will have almost the same problems as we face, namely: non missionary church members, unpaid apportionments, small subscriptions to church publications, and a heart life that in its thinking, giving and praying, is centered largely on its self. The women of the Georgia Synodical have no right to be satisfied with their work until the women of every congregation are functioning through a missionary society, and seeing to the perpetuation of that society through the missionary education of its young people and children. If we had today attained our desired goal of a women's organization in every congregation, we would not be able to maintain that standard twenty-five years from now, if we do not do more work among our young women than we are now doing. The reports of the various Department Secretaries and of the great Salisbury Convention will show us what has been done in detail, both in our Synodical Society and in the General Society of which we are a part. On these reports I must not trespass.

THE FUTURE

The future stands before us at this convention, asking that some weak places be made strong. Through mistakes and unfortunate omissions we have not done our part in the work for the magazine. Today, we have one hundred and sixty-four paid up subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work and our list of non-renewals has been very small, but in order to attain the goal set for each Synodical Society, we must have by the time of the biennial convention in 1926, not only 164, but 266 paid subscriptions. That means with our membership of 555, we must get one new subscription for every five members and also keep all our present subscribers. Georgia

should also have many of its societies on the Honor Roll by having as many subscriptions as members. Another line of work that should engage our attention is the Standard of Excellence. We have been in the habit of saying that we are so small that we cannot undertake all these things, but friends, a society that has given what we have given should begin to ask itself whether it is doing its work in the best possible way. In your monthly meetings this year, present the Standard of Excellence and the Thank Offering every time.

The only other thing we can ask of you is to be even more faithful, even more prayerful, than you have been in the past, emphasizing the General Fund, the Thank Offering and the Week of Prayer Offering especially. These three offerings, the first putting the stress on regular giving, the second, representing our gifts of gratitude, and the third, the priceless gifts of self-denial, are the very heart of our work. The amount of the first two, added to similar gifts from other societies determines how many missionaries can be sent out, how many native workers can be supported, how many churches built in the home land and how many pastors supplied to needy places.

The size of the Week of Prayer offerings determines how much we can do for our Church on the territory of the Georgia Synod.

With the idea of stimulating and directing the work of the next year, your Executive Committee would make the following recommendations:

1. Continued loyalty to the work as outlined by the General Society.
2. That special effort be made by each congregational society to increase the number of subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work, Lutheran Boys and Girls and The Lutheran.
3. That we issue a quarterly bulletin, with Miss McGraw as director and editor, and that with Miss McGraw as Magazine Secretary, this bulletin emphasize our Magazine Campaign, so that Georgia attain her goal of 266 subscriptions.
4. That especial emphasis be laid upon General Fund, Thank Offering and the Week of Prayer in all our societies.
5. That the balance in the hands of the Treasurer from last year's Week of Prayer Offering and this year's offering of the Week of Prayer be given to the mission at St. Augustine.
6. That we unite with Synod, in asking through the proper channels, that the Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church, assume St. Augustine as a "women's mission."
7. That every society support the work of our synodical Society by the prompt paying of the 20 cents to the Synodical Fund, and also that the ten cents annually per member for the General Convention Fund (the travel fund) be paid in the April quarter.
8. That we strive along the lines indicated by the Standard of Excellence, and have an honor roll for our next convention.
9. That we prayerfully endeavor to organize Young Women's Societies and Light Brigades.

In closing let me say that my connection with this work has always been most pleasant, and this year when I was unable to be on our territory much, because of the office of Field Secretary, the credit for any work done is due to the constant help of you women. I feel I could not make any report to you that did not include the mention of Miss McGraw, Miss Lang and Mrs. Pugh.

As I go to my work as field secretary, I am glad my membership remains in this Synod. Often you will be in my thoughts and prayers. May I ask that you will remember me. As a general worker, I am one of your workers, of course, but I want a little space all my own in your hearts and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. H. C.) RENA N. BELL.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

During the Third Session the Committee on President's Report presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee begs to submit the following report:

1st. That we express to our dearly loved President, Mrs. H. C. Bell, our heartfelt appreciation for her efficient and untiring service rendered as the President of our Society during the past year. As she goes before the Missionary Societies of the United Lutheran Church, she carries with her our love and prayers for abundant success in her enlarged sphere of usefulness. Her consecrated service has been an inspiration to us, reaching into every local society of the Synod of Georgia and Adjacent State, and in the future she will always find a warm welcome on her return to our conventions.

2. We recommend that the recommendations in the President's report be discussed and adopted item by item.

Respectfully submitted,

LALLA R. McGRAW,
MRS. GEORGE DIETZ.

The recommendations in the President's report were adopted item by item and the report adopted as a whole.

THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps conducted the opening devotional service. Reports of Departmental Secretaries were then received as follows:

Light Brigade, Miss Frieda Arpen.
Student Secretary, Miss Mattie Derrick.
Financial, Mrs. R. H. Sullivan.
Literature, Mrs. George Labouseur.

The report of the Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church at Salisbury, N. C., written by Mrs. Carper Kreps was read by Mrs. B. S. Dasher.

The Rev. F. Grover Morgan, President of Summerland College, brought this institution before the Convention with a view of securing students.

Dr. W. H. Grever addressed the Convention in the interest of the Lowman Home and our Southern Seminary at Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. Kreps talked on China, also urged having mission studies in our local societies.

After a round table discussion the Third Session closed with prayer for the foreign fields.

FOURTH SESSION

February 19, 1925, 9:30 A. M.

The Session was opened with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. Bell.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Through a misunderstanding, all the details of the statistical reports of the various congregational societies had not been preserved when the synodical report was sent in to the General Society. Hence our report showed only totals taken from this general report.

The Committee on Statistical Secretary's Report, after careful examination of this report, presented the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Your Committee on Statistical Secretary's report has examined said report and find it shows:

Number of Women's Missionary Societies	21
Life Memberships	24
Deaconess	1
Mission Study Classes	6
Magazine Subscriptions	164
Lutheran Boys and Girls	545
Scholarships supported	4
Meetings held during Week of Prayer	99
Light Brigades	8
Number of members of Light Brigade	363
Scholarships supported	2

This report shows that we need to stress the importance of the Light Brigade, the magazine subscription, the box work and the Thank Offering. That only one society attained the Standard of Excellence, that we should strive to have all the members of the society in a Mission Study class and there is only one Young Woman's Society in the Convention. This report brings out the fact that the societies are careless in sending in their reports as we have more societies than have been reported. We ask that our statistical secretary strive earnestly to secure a detailed report for next year's convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. WISE,
MISS LOUISE DASHER.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Pugh, read

THE TREASURER'S REPORT (See next page)

TREASURER'S REPORT—Receipts

	Incidental Fund	General Fund	Bimonthly Con.	Expenses Fund	General Fund	Weeks of	Player of	Thrank Offerings	Memoriam	Protegee	Gifts, School	Miss Beegle	Mrs. Beegle	Miss Brewer	Kindergarten Japan	India Lake Industry	P. M. F. Fund	TOTAL
By Balance		\$ 88.80	\$ 2.05	\$ 58.00						\$ 58.25							\$ 148.85	
Offering by Convention		12.85	.50	13.10						5.00							71.10	
W. M. S.—St. James, Brunswick, Ga.		90	.50	150.00	50.00	4.60				400.00							24.70	
W. M. S.—Church of Ascension, Savannah, Ga.		20.00	10.00	25.00	25.00	27.41				94.87							78.65	
W. M. S.—Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.		10.00	5.00			2.00											217.28	
W. M. S.—St. Mark's, Plains, Ga.		2.10	2.10	8.80	32.00	45.75											31.40	
W. M. S.—St. Philip & Senoia, Ga.		3.20	1.90			7.00											144.57	
W. M. S.—St. Luke's, Oglethorpe, Ga.		2.20	2.10	23.50													61.90	
W. M. S.—St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla.		9.80	4.90	58.80	18.10	35.54											178.14	
W. M. S.—St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla.		4.00	2.00	18.00		53.18											108.48	
W. M. S.—St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga.		5.00	2.50	50.20	57.45	130.98											277.13	
W. M. S.—Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.						3.83											22.33	
W. M. S.—St. John's, Rincon, Ga.						8.10											356.50	
W. M. S.—Church of Resurrection, Augusta		12.80		102.55	55.52	121.33											13.52	
W. M. S.—Church of the Redeemer, Macon						1.43											375.95	
W. M. S.—St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.		14.00	7.00	105.00	26.65	67.31											12.50	
W. M. S.—Church of Reformation, Savannah		4.00	2.00	6.00		10.70											43.70	
W. M. S.—Holy Trinity, Springfield, Ga.						28.20											79.00	
W. M. S.—Grace, Lakeland, Fla.		3.00	1.50			3.50											130.64	
W. M. S.—Mt. Pilgrim, Haralson, Ga.		4.20	2.10	45.29	15.45	51.10											35.36	
W. M. S.—Zion, Marlboro, Ga.		2.40	1.20			15.25											66.15	
W. M. S.—Christ English, Birmingham, Ala.						6.15											66.67	
W. M. S.—Grace, Stillwell, Ga.						13.95											32.76	
W. M. S.—Bethel, Springfield, Ga.						13.04											6.50	
W. M. S.—Ebenezer Conference						1.50											50.00	
Y. W. M. S.—St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.		1.20	.80	24.00		3.00											29.00	
Light Brigade—Church of Ascension, Savannah						10.50											122.50	
Light Brigade—St. Andrew's, Plains, Ga.						4.84											23.79	
Light Brigade—Christ English, Birmingham, Ala.						3.15											6.58	
Light Brigade—Grace, Stillwell, Ga.						7.22											13.22	
Light Brigade—Church of Redeemer, Atlanta						25.16											33.16	
Light Brigade—Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.						4.03											21.14	
Light Brigade—Church of Resurrection, Augusta						15.55											30.05	
Light Brigade—St. Phillip's, Senoia, Ga.						4.44											4.44	
Light Brigade—St. Paul's, Savannah, Ga.						20.00											38.27	
Light Brigade—St. John's, Jacksonville, Fla.						29.60											44.65	
Light Brigade—St. John's, Rincon, Ga.						6.02											13.31	
Light Brigade—St. Mark's, Plains, Ga.																	1.21	
TOTAL		\$201.65	\$55.35	\$1,014.26	\$350.80	\$831.47	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$967.32	\$ 4.20	\$9.21	\$1.11	\$12.50	\$12.46	\$12.50	\$3,701.33		
Transferred to Mrs. Beegle		10.80															10.80	
																	\$15.00	

*Bible Woman Japan. **Students India and Africa.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Disbursements

November 1, 1923—

Expense to Convention—

Miss Lalla McGraw	\$ 23.85
Mrs. L. W. Strickler	16.70
Mrs. W. E. Pugh	36.75
Department Sec. Expense	3.75
	\$81.05

To Mrs. Walter C. Weier, Treas. W. M. S., U. L. C. A.—

General Fund	1,014.26
Week of Prayer	120.00
Thank Offering	831.47
Girls' School in Japan	967.32
Memoriam	65.00
India Lace Industry	58.46
Protegee	130.00
Biennial Ex. Con. Fund	55.35
Miss Beegle	15.00
Miss Brewer	9.21
Kindergarten Japan	1.11
Foreign Missionary F. F.	12.50
	3,279.68

Total Disbursements	\$3,360.73
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Balance on Hand—

Incidental	\$ 109.80
Week of Prayer	230.80
Total on Hand	340.60

Grand Total	\$3,701.33
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Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. E. PUGH, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX TO TREASURER'S REPORT

	Inc. Fund	G. B.G.E.F.		Miss Brewer	Total
Church of Redeemer,					
Atlanta	\$1.60	\$ 2.40	\$ 8.00	\$47.52	\$ 59.52
Grace Stillwell				4.90	4.12 9.02
Church of Reformation,					
Savannah			16.80		16.80
Miller Chapel, Marlow				5.00	5.00
Light Brigade—					
Church of Redeemer,					
Atlanta			8.13		8.13
Grace Stillwell				1.27	1.27
Total	\$1.60	\$ 2.40	\$44.10	\$47.52	\$4.12 \$99.74

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT

We, the Committee, having examined the report of the Treasurer, report it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. TIETJEN,
MRS. C. A. PHILLIPS.

The report was adopted and a rising vote of thanks was given to the Treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Pugh.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES REPORTS

We, your Committee on Department Secretaries' Reports, submitted would submit the following recommendations:

1st. That the Thank Offering and Life Membership be stressed as important matters among all congregational societies.

2nd. That societies devise some way by which the lace industry may receive more attention.

3rd. That we strive to secure a larger per cent of our Lutheran students for our Church Schools.

4th. We want also to ask that special attention be called to the inattentive secretaries of the different societies in not answering letters of the Synodical Secretaries in reference to their work. It would be well to acknowledge letters, even if report cannot be sent. Reports should be sent in on time.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ALICE H. BARNES,
MRS. W. A. LUTZ.

The report was adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the Election of Officers.

Miss A. C. Tietjen and Mrs. H. E. Dreeson were appointed to act as tellers and the election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Miss Lottie Lang, Savannah, Ga.
First Vice-President—Mrs. B. S. Dasher, Senoia, Ga.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. Hiller, Jacksonville.
Recording Secretary—Miss Lalla R. McGraw, Atlanta, Ga.
Statistical Secretary—Mrs. D. P. Ruff, Macon, Ga.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. E. Pugh, St. Petersburg, Fla.

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It was decided by motion that the election of officers should take place during the first session of the convention, hereafter.

Mrs. B. S. Dasher and Mrs. C. A. Phillips were appointed a Committee on By-Laws, to report at the next Convention.

It was decided by motion that the janitor be given the usual gift for service rendered.

Mrs. G. L. Labouseur addressed the Convention on the Work of the Year to Come in the Local Society, Mrs. W. E. Pugh on the Work of the Year to Come in the Synodical Society and Miss Lottie Lang on the Work of the Year to Come in the General Society.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps taught the Home Mission Study Book, Adventures in Brotherhood.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved: 1. That the Synodical Missionary Society by an unanimous vote express to Rev. W. H. Hiller, and other members of the congregation of St. John's Church, our gratitude and appreciation for the hearty welcome, generous hospitality and the many courtesies extended to us during our stay in their beautiful city, and also to the members of the choir for the lovely music rendered.

Resolved: 2. We express our appreciation for the very interesting and helpful messages brought to the Convention by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, member of the Executive Board of the General Society and also President of the Missionary Society of the South Carolina Synod; Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Southern Superintendent of the Home Mission Board; Rev. E. B. Keisler, Field Missionary of the Georgia Synod; Rev. F. Grover Morgan, President of Summerland College; Dr. W. H. Greever, of the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Resolved: 3. We also wish to extend our thanks to Rabbi Israel Kaplan and members of the Jewish Temple for the use of their building.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LOTTIE LANG,
MRS. G. L. LABOUSEUR.

The report was adopted and the incoming Recording Secretary directed to send a note of thanks to Rabbi Kaplan and members of the Jewish Temple.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps conducted the closing consecration service and the retiring President, Mrs. H. C. Bell, formally closed the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. N. KNIGHT, *Acting Secretary.*

